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Thank you for your interest in supporting the legacy of Bayard Rustin, Audre Lorde and other social change freedom fighters by being a sponsor for the 2014 Rustin/Lorde Breakfast. This annual event is held on the national Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday with the support of the MLK March organizers and is a precursor to the Atlanta MLK March.

Your contribution as a sponsor to the Rustin/Lorde Breakfast will assist organizers in assuring this dynamic platform for social change remains available. Below is a brief summary of our mission and theme for this year's event.

MISSION

The Bayard Rustin / Audre Lorde breakfast was founded in September 2002 to achieve the following goals:

(1) to provide attendees the opportunity to connect before participating in the Martin Luther King Jr. March;
(2) to educate communities about the life and contributions of Bayard Rustin, Audre Lorde and other activists;
(3) to enhance mutual support and continued learning among participants working for social justice.

The 2014 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast will be held Monday, January 20th, Doors open at 9:30am and breakfast is served at 10:00am. The breakfast honors these two highly influential activists, provides space for fellowship, and enhances progressive coalition building among LGBTQ people and our allies working for social justice. In 2012, co-founders Craig Washington and Darlene Hudson received the Phillip Rush Community Builder Award from Georgia Equality for their leadership of this event.

The Theme for the 2014 Rustin/Lorde Breakfast is Justice, Freedom, Desire: A Homecoming. Please check our Facebook page for regular updates regarding the Rustin/Lorde Breakfast and location. The program will feature the history and current organizing within Black LGBTQ and people of color communities. Participants will learn more about the critical challenges we face, identify key local resources, and develop organizing goals to address these challenges.

In the tradition of Bayard Rustin, Audre Lorde and Martin Luther King Jr, progressive LGBTQ people in the South must chart and mobilize toward a great dream that recognizes our bodies, our souls, our common vision and our shared values.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend Celebration

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The Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast
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9:00 am

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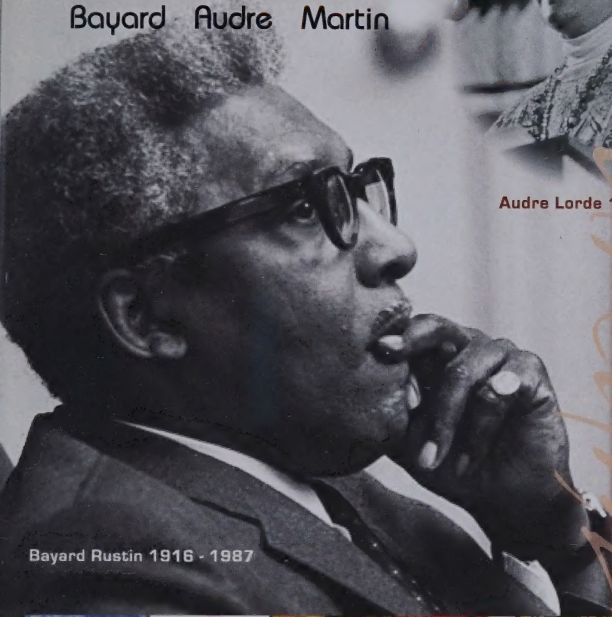

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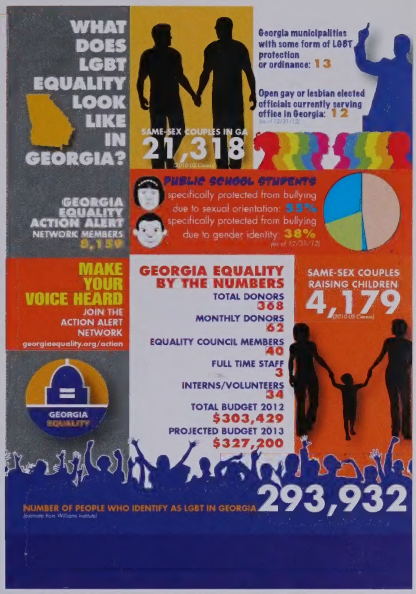
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SAME-SEX COUPLES IN GA
21,318
Georgia municipalities with some form of LGBT protection or ordinance: 13
Open gay or lesbian elected officials currently serving office in Georgia: 12
GEORGIA EQUALITY ACTION ALERT NETWORK MEMBERS 5,150
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
specifically protected from bullying due to sexual orientation: 33%
specifically protected from bullying due to gender identity: 38%
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MONTHLY DONORS 62
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FULL TIME STAFF 3
INTERNS/VOLUNTEERS 34
TOTAL BUDGET 2012 $303,429
PROJECTED BUDGET 2013 $327,200
SAME-SEX COUPLES RAISING CHILDREN
4,179
GEORGIA EQUALITY
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBT IN GEORGIA
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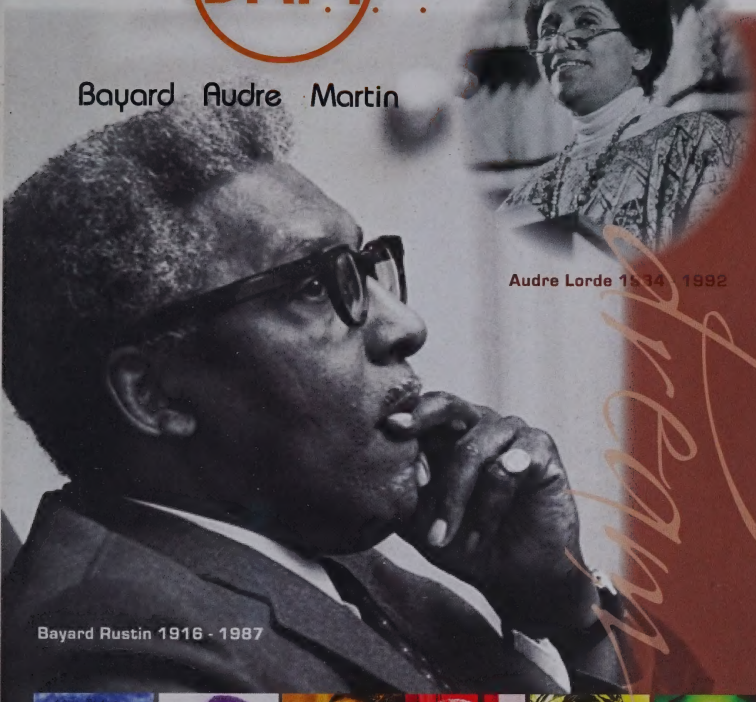

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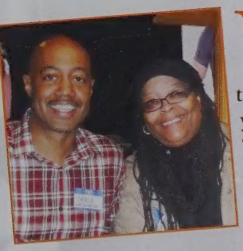

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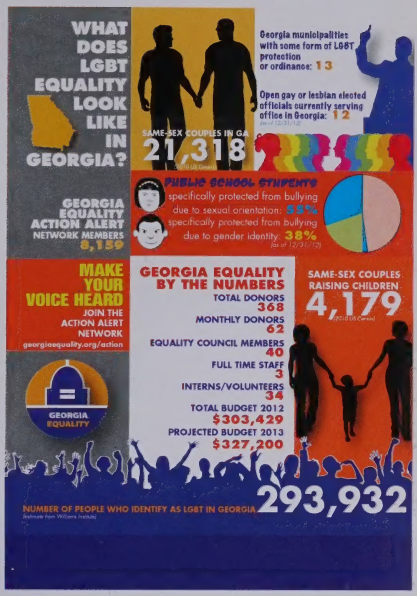
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SAME-SEX COUPLES IN GA
21,318
Georgia municipalities with some form of LGBT protection or ordinance: 13
Open gay or lesbian elected officials currently serving office in Georgia: 12
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
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GEORGIA EQUALITY ACTION ALERT NETWORK MEMBERS
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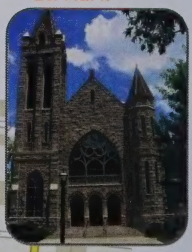

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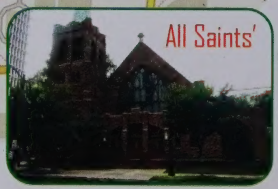

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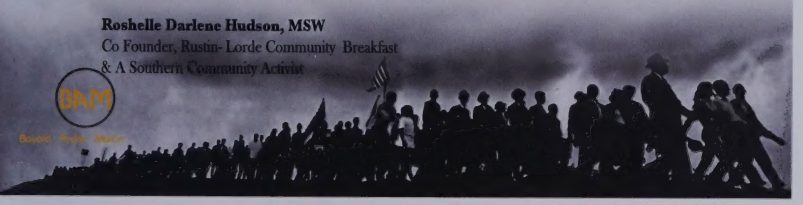

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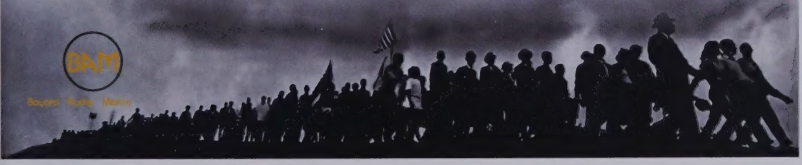

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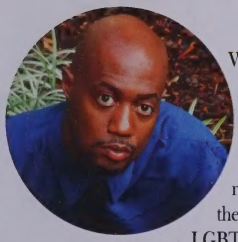

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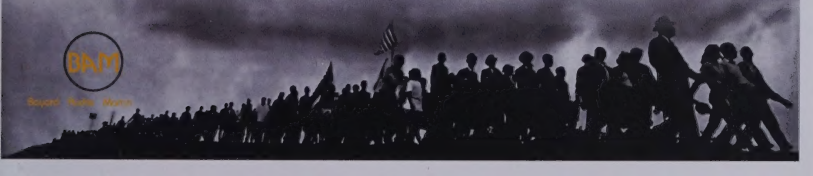

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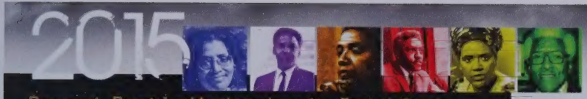

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Fishbowl Dialogue: Liberation Work and Healing

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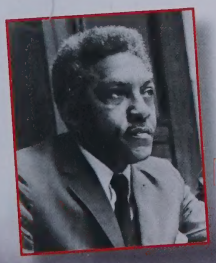

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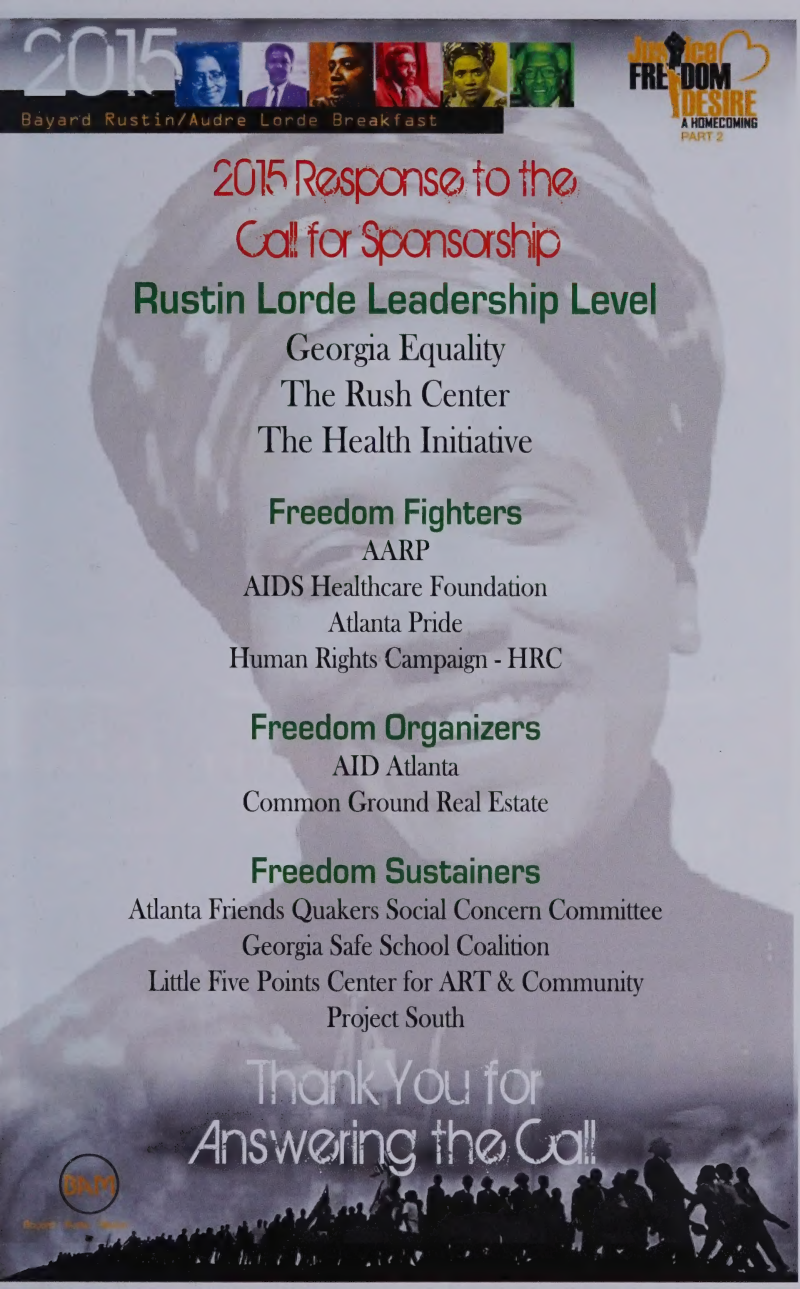
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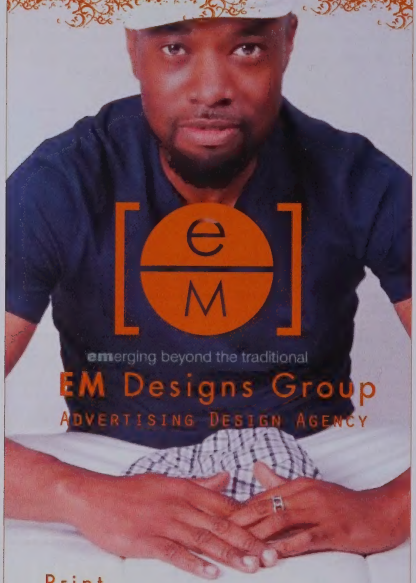

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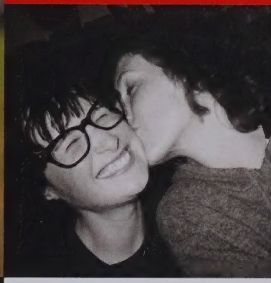

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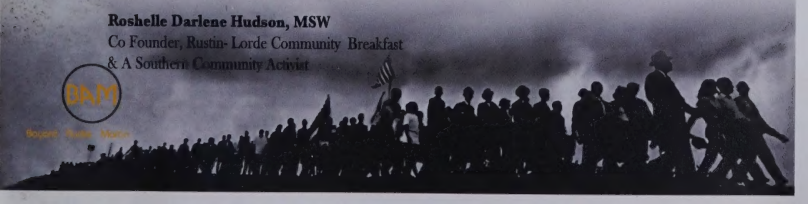

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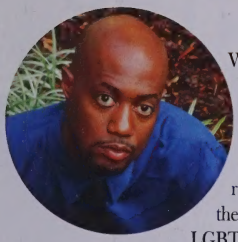
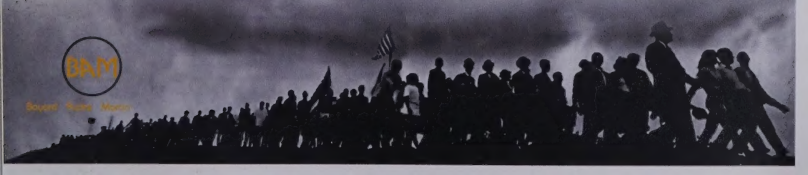


We thank you for being a part of the 14th annual Rustin Lorde Breakfast! You may be one of our regulars who attends year after year. You may be here for the first time having heard about it through friends or Facebook. Whether this is your first or fourteenth Breakfast, we are deeply grateful for your presence. Please consider this as your extended family reunion, a Homecoming for our beloved community. Originally named the Bayard Rustin Breakfast, we started this event as a fellowship space for LGBTQ people and our allies in observing the Martin Luther King Jr birthday celebration. In doing so we follow a local tradition of Black LGBTQ activists such as Tony Daniels, Bishop SF Makalani-Mahee, and Duncan Teague who held Bayard Rustin rallies on MLK Day.

For those of us who mount the protests, organize AIDS and transgender vigils, build youth coalitions and Black gay men's dialogues, support women of color who face violence, write editorials, present workshops, link individuals to resources, develop the vision, raise funds to realize the vision, create graphics and art enabling us to see the vision, the human cost is much more than the dollar pay. For those of us whose radical acts consist of walking to that MARTA station, raising a child, choosing between meals and medicine, being a good "judy" to a friend in need, maintaining a marriage, or passing a mirror and deciding to like what we see, the recognition is far less than the achievement. As sister and brother outsiders, we face micro-aggressions from our families and our state policies, or the myths we have internalized about ourselves. Our wounds are deepened by accounts of "black bodies swaying from the poplar trees" in Ferguson, Staten Island and Sanford, FL at the bloody yet vindicated hands of the state, or by our own hand at 17 when it does not get better in Kings Mill, Ohio.

We must never underestimate our need for healing, which transcends our differences. As we discuss our work at hand, let us highlight healing as a strategy as well as a human right. We invite you to share testimony about your replenishment and seek support to unblock your healing paths. Take sustenance from the laughter at your table, an elder's smile or a child's wise words today. The nourishment this Breakfast provides is not limited to your plate. As our dear brother Reverend James Orange would say, welcome leader!!!



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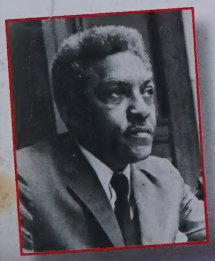
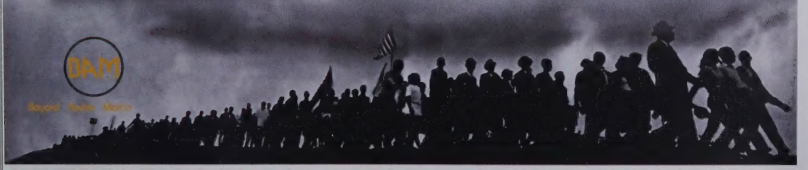


Inspiration
Monica Raye Simpson, SisterSong

Community Dialogue
Sponsor and Organizer Remarks
Young People's Space Presentation
Closing and Appreciation



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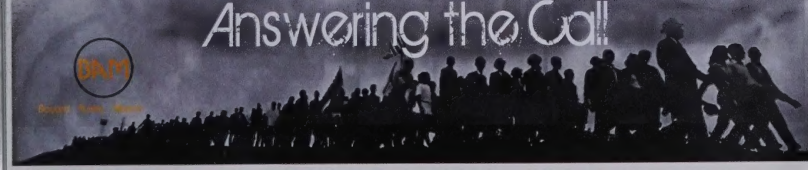

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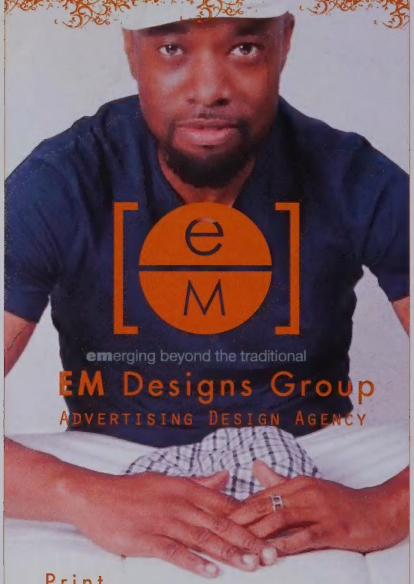

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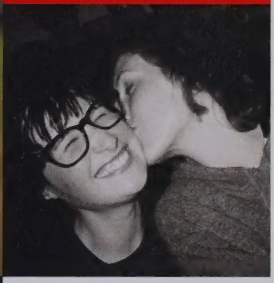

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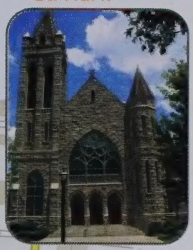

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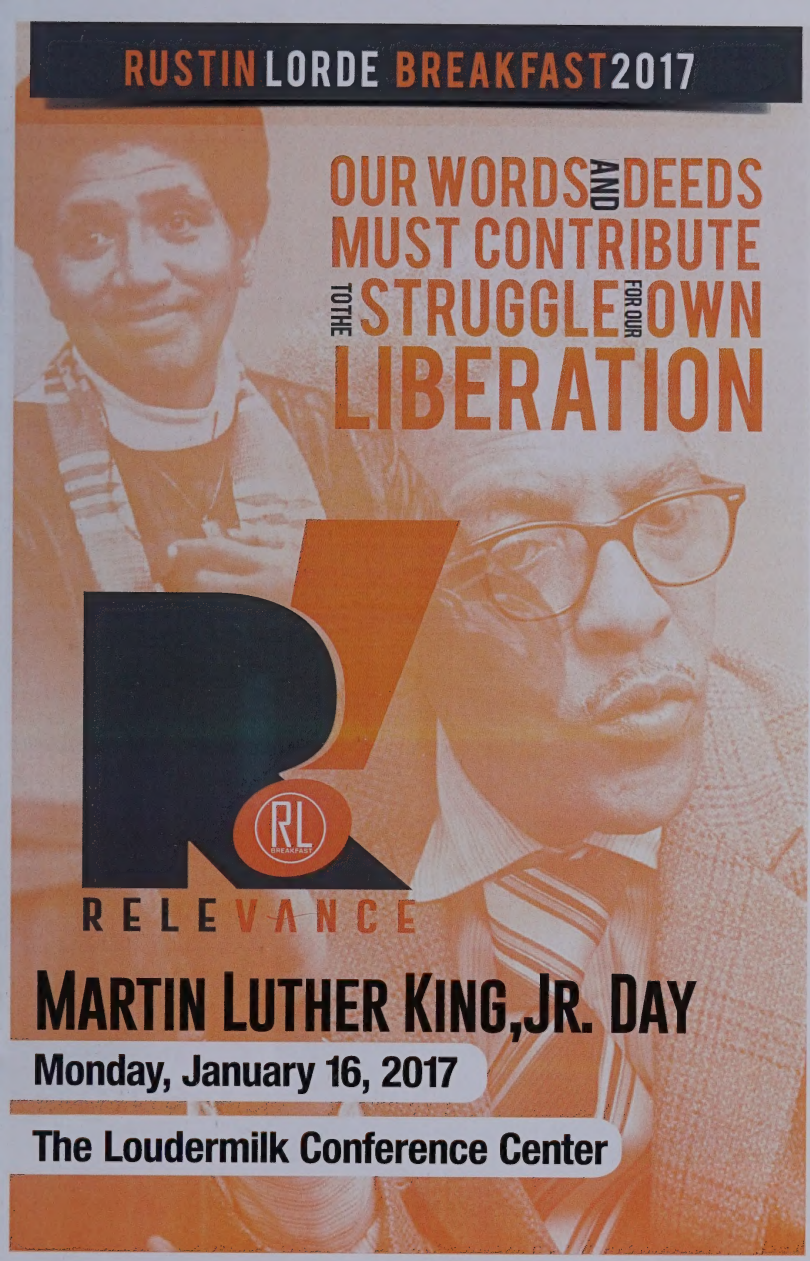
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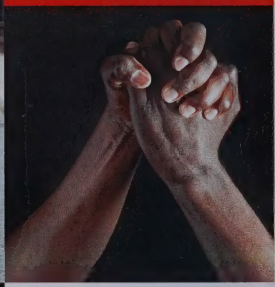

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The Breakfast

2017 RELEVANCE 3

The planning team welcomes you to the 2017 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast! This year marks our 16th annual event. ***The theme for the 2017 Rustin Lorde Breakfast is Relevance.*** We challenge ourselves to assess the relevance of our work, our words and actions to the needs of our community. You will witness artists who inspire positive change and illuminate paths toward liberation. Select works from the exhibit **Living With,** *"a collection of multi-sensory, interactive installations"* about the impact of AIDS are on display today. Several organizations doing meaningful work in Atlanta will be talking about their goals and how you can become involved. Our Young People's Space provides a suitable space and creative activities for children and teens here today.

Following the breakfast, we will assemble at the corner of Peachtree St. and Ellis St. at 1:15PM. The March will start at 1:45PM. Immediately following the March, the annual rally will be held in front of the ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change*** at Auburn Ave. and Jackson Ave. The Rally will present several distinguished speakers including honorary marshals. This year, Ramon Johnson, President of Safe Space, the LGBTQI student collective at Morehouse College, will serve as the honorary LGBTQI marshal. We invite all Breakfast attendees to participate in the March, attend the rally and support honorary marshal Ramon Johnson, who is one of the scheduled rally speakers.

We are proud to announce the 2016 incorporation of the **Southern Unity Movement, Inc. (SUM)** as the official host organization for the Breakfast. The mission of SUM is to build a more unified Black LGBTQI community through educational and advocacy work that fosters multi-gender, intergenerational participation.

This morning, we invite you to enjoy yourself and spend time reconnecting with old friends and making new connections! For more information about the Breakfast, please visit our Facebook page RustinLordeAtl or our website **www.rustinlordeatl.com.**

Love ,
The Rustin Lorde Breakfast Committee

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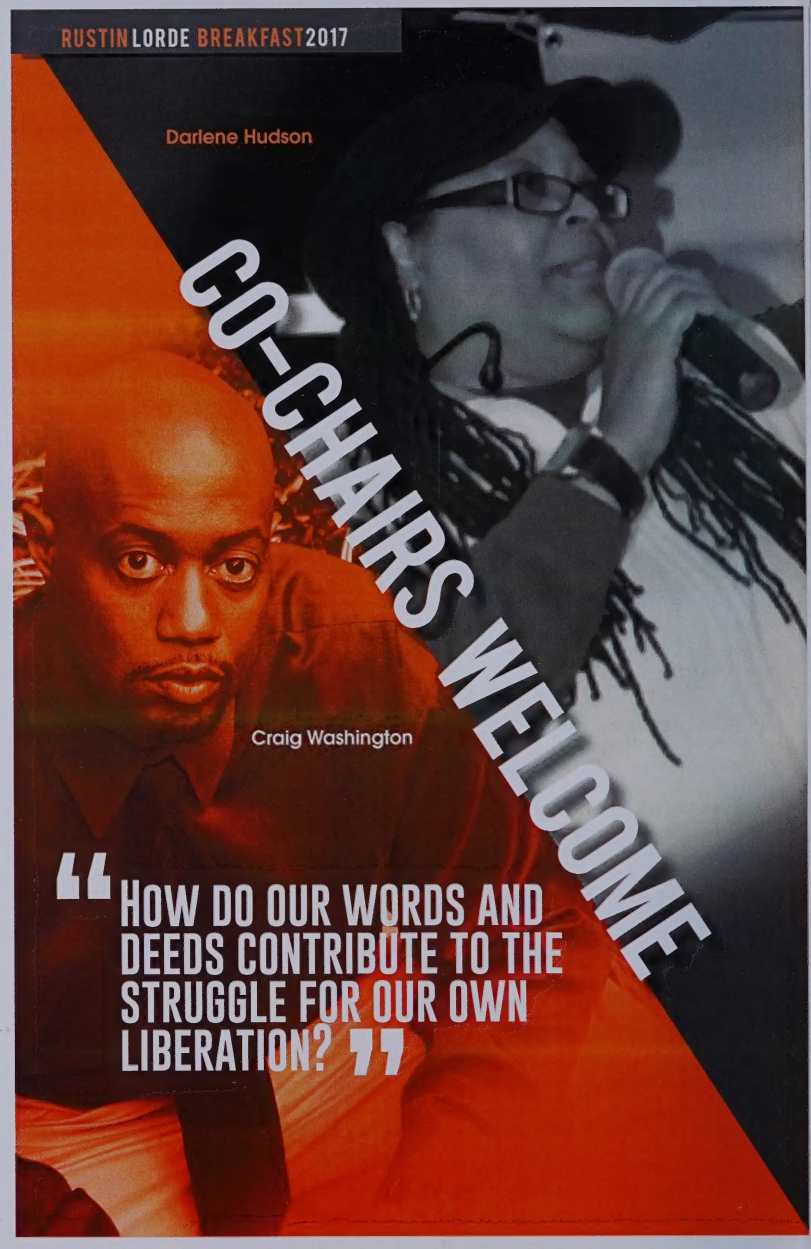

Darlene Hudson

CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

Craig Washington

"HOW DO OUR WORDS AND DEEDS CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRUGGLE FOR OUR OWN LIBERATION?"

For we who believe in freedom, and will not rest until it comes, today's sociopolitical climate troubles the soul. The last few years have been marked with upfront targeting of people who are black, latino, women, transgender, gay lesbian, poor, undocumented, Muslim. Through the power of social media, state sanctioned killings of Black people of all genders are being recorded and exposed more widely than ever. Long smoldering banks of racial hatred were stoked into a white supremacist torrent through which a masterful monger emerged as our next President. There are forces now as always polishing boots, forging chains and locks to "X away our right to life"* and stomp our bodies into the ground.

In the face of such daunting threats, which are neither new nor surprising to those who are awake, we are called to purposeful reflection and mindful action. We cannot idly wait for what sister Audre named "the luxury of fearlessness" to carry out our duty. As much progress as the beloved community has made, there is far more that must be gained. We have never needed each other more than on this day. This morning calls us to recognize our interdependence and our differences not as weakness or division but rather as our nature. This requires that we value cooperation over competition, unity over uniformity. For far too long Black LGBTQI communities in Atlanta and elsewhere have splintered across lines of age and gender. We need to move beyond identity bonding to uphold the values that will sustain real community. Without shared goals, our narrowing sameness will not save us any more than our silence.

How do our words and deeds contribute to the struggle for our own liberation? What will you do, where will you focus? Are you now ready to do the work we would have to do regardless of any single electoral outcome? Each year the planners of the Rustin Lorde Breakfast consider what this event means for those who come. We have presented themes that bear witness to the triumphs and pitfalls our community has borne. We touted our **Resilience** and beckoned ourselves to **Re-Imagine The Dream** as a possibility we cannot afford to disbelieve. Last year, we declared **Art is Movement,** showcasing art as an essential medium of movement building. On this morning, we turn to **Relevance.** We invite you to consider what will you do in the days leading up to the Breakfast and the time following that is relevant to your needs, your growth and the survival of your tribe? How will you make the months, weeks, hours, minutes between this Breakfast and the next relevant to those who depend on you to raise your voice, or silence it so that they might be heard? What is your Relevance? "Where will you BE?"* Welcome to the 2017 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast!!!

**from the poem "Where Will You Be" by Pat Parker (1978)*

MARY ANNE ADAMS

We are overjoyed to pay homage to our Sister Outsider Mary Anne Adams. Adams is Founder of ZAMI NOBLA: National Organization of Black Lesbians on Aging, a service, advocacy and research organization for black lesbians 40 years old and older. She is past board chair and former executive director of ZAMI, Inc., "Atlanta's premiere organization for lesbians of African descent." Adams also founded and developed the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund, an international fund that has awarded over $250,000 in scholarship monies and expenses to out LGBT scholars of color.

She has served on the boards of Charis Circle, YouthPride, and the Feminist Women's Health Center. She was an inaugural member of the LGBT Advisory Council to the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta and was one of the founding members of the Atlanta Black LGBT Coalition, a social justice organization committed to advancing the human rights of all marginalized communities. Adams was the first out black lesbian to win an award as an unsung heroine from the metro Atlanta Coalition of 100 black women. She has been honored by the National Center for Human Rights Education as a guardian angel of human rights and has been honored by Women Healing Women, and Unity Fellowship Church of Atlanta since 2003 with an annual community award in her name. A nine year breast cancer survivor, she served as an inaugural member of the LGBT National Advisory Council for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. She also recently served as a member of the city of East Point Ethics Board for three years. Adams received a B.A. in Sociology and Social Work from the University of Mississippi and a Master in Social Work from Georgia State University. She works at Georgia State University in the School of Public Health directing the Community Engagement Core and teaches in the Graduate School of Social Work.

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Bayard Rustin

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CHERYL COURTNEY EVANS

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The Rustin Lorde Breakfast salutes our Sister Outsider Cheryl C. Courtney Evans. Cheryl C. Courtney Evans was the founder and Executive Director of Transgender Individuals Living Their Truth (TILTT), a support organization that hosted meetings at the Phillip Rush Center. Year after year, she was a regular participant at the Rustin Lorde Breakfast

Cheryl dedicated her life to advocacy for transgender equality issues at the local, state, and national levels. She was a regular participant in such events as the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, the International Day against Homophobia; and Trans Liberation Tuesday. In 2016, she was recognized as Grand Marshall of Atlanta Gay Pride. She was known for challenging the exclusion of transgender populations by healthcare professionals and community organizers alike. Responding to an HIV surveillance pie chart that omitted transgender people, she publicly questioned, "where is my slice of the pie?" She is largely credited for the inclusion of transgender populations in Atlanta and Georgia HIV reports.

Her website, a Bitch for Justice, chronicled her opinions regarding current events, especially those affecting the transgender community. Shortly before her passing, Cheryl responded to the resignation of a former Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Georgia (Maya Dillard-Smith) who was not fully supportive of transgender rights, in an interview with APN. The story became a national sensation, fueled by right-wing media.

Cheryl C. Courtney-Evans grew up in Kansas City, Kansas. She is survived by three people she called her children: Kelcy Luckey Calhoun, Officer Eric King of the Atlanta Police Department; and Simaya Charlize-Theresa Turner. In addition, she is survived by a sister, niece, grand-niece in Atlanta; and two sisters in Kansas City.

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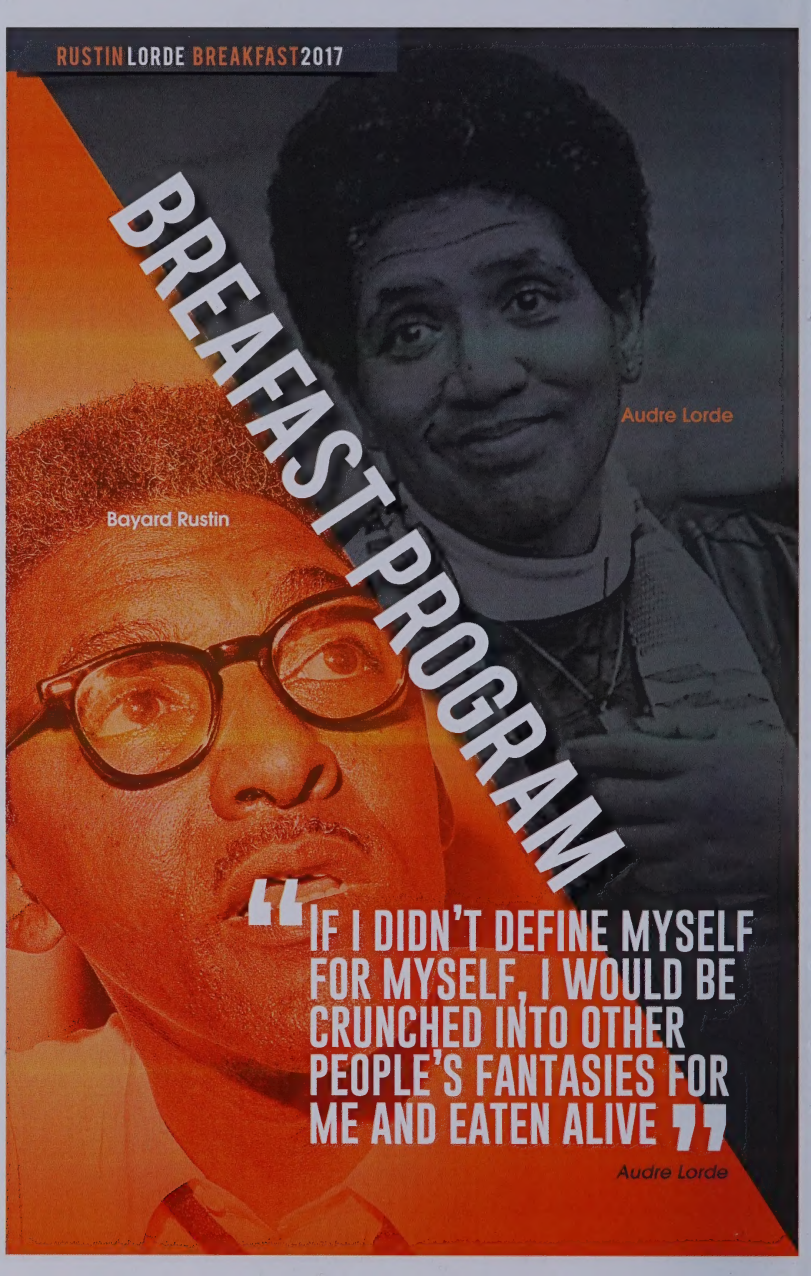

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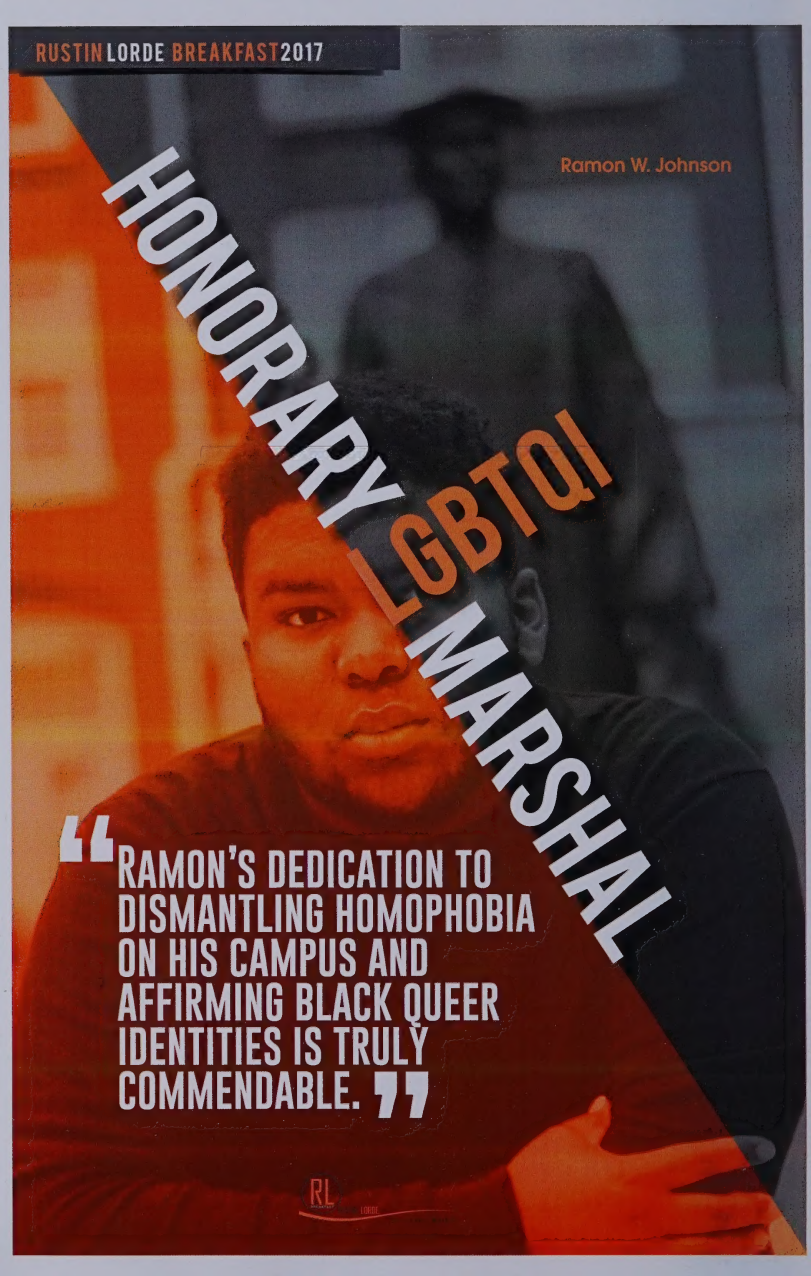

"RAMON'S DEDICATION TO DISMANTLING HOMOPHOBIA ON HIS CAMPUS AND AFFIRMING BLACK QUEER IDENTITIES IS TRULY COMMENDABLE."

Ramon W. Johnson is a junior Sociology major at Morehouse College. As the president of Morehouse College Safe Space, Morehouse's LGBTQIA student collective, Mr. Johnson enjoys facilitating an inclusive campus environment for students. His advocacy efforts and the work of progressive students and faculty have helped to push Morehouse to install an LGBTQI Resource Center. As the founding student coordinator of the LGBTQI Resource Center, Mr. Johnson desires to help plan and institutionalize safe zone trainings, educational programming, and continue building community among the LGBTQI A students of Morehouse College. Mr. Johnson was recently named a Periclean Scholar for his efforts in making HBCU's more inclusive for LGBTQI students through advocacy. His efforts have allowed him to present his research and spread his advocacy at The New School, the University of Houston, and Emory University. Ramon's dedication to dismantling homophobia on his campus and affirming black queer identities is truly commendable. As a member of the 2016 Grad Prep Academy cohort at the University of Pennsylvania, he desires to continue addressing issues disproportionately affecting black queer men of color in higher education while amplifying their voices through his scholarship and activism.

We are extremely proud to have Ramon represent our communities as Honorary LGBTQI marshal for the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally.

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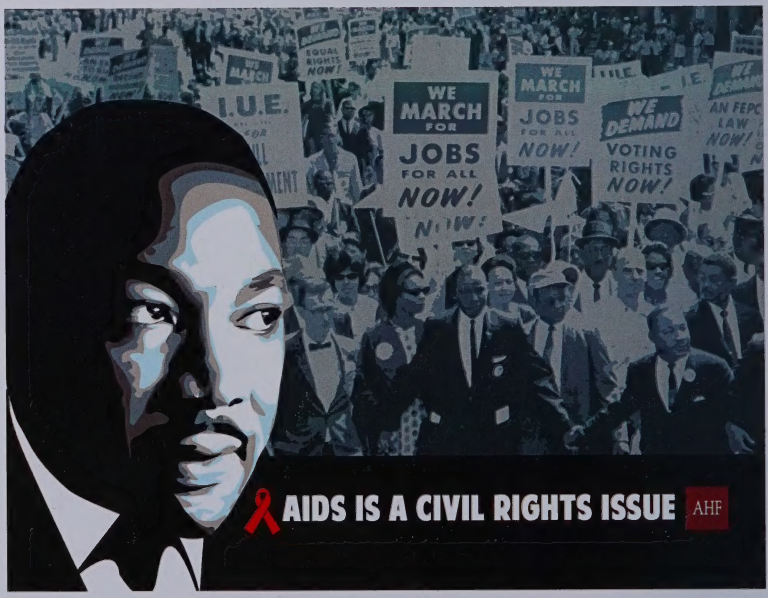
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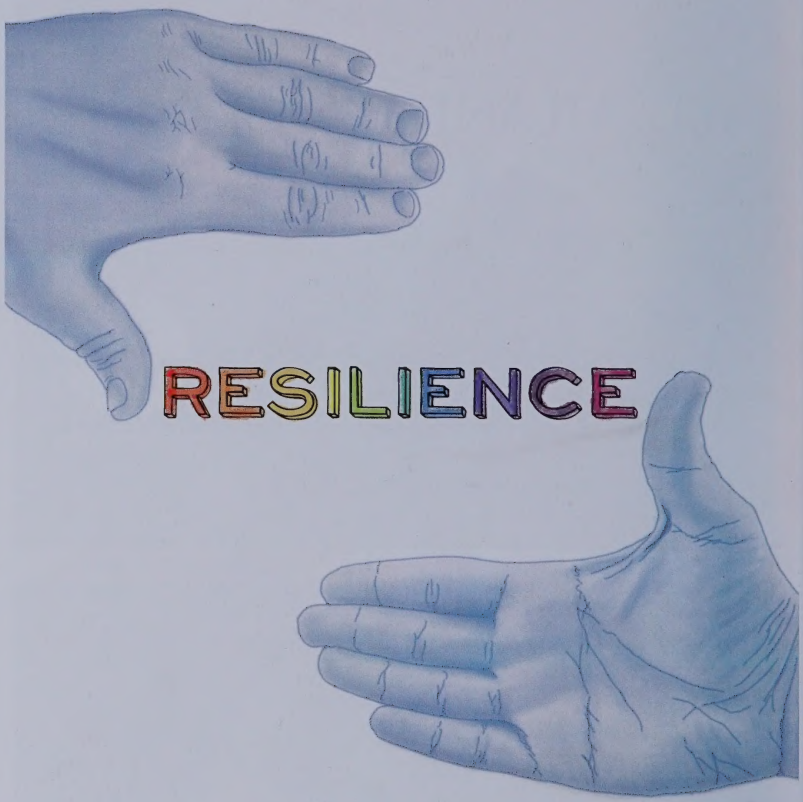

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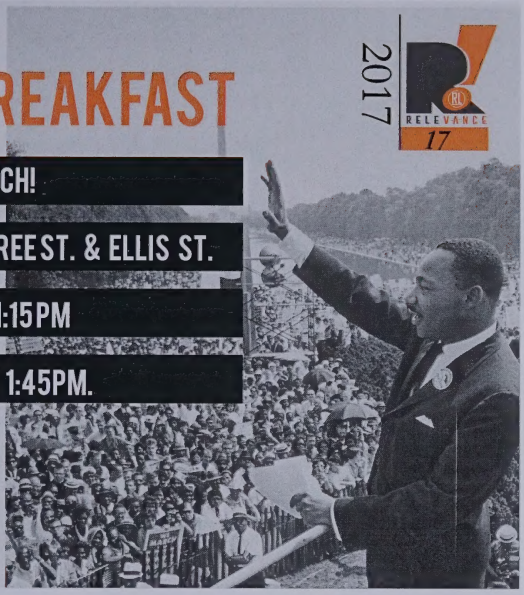

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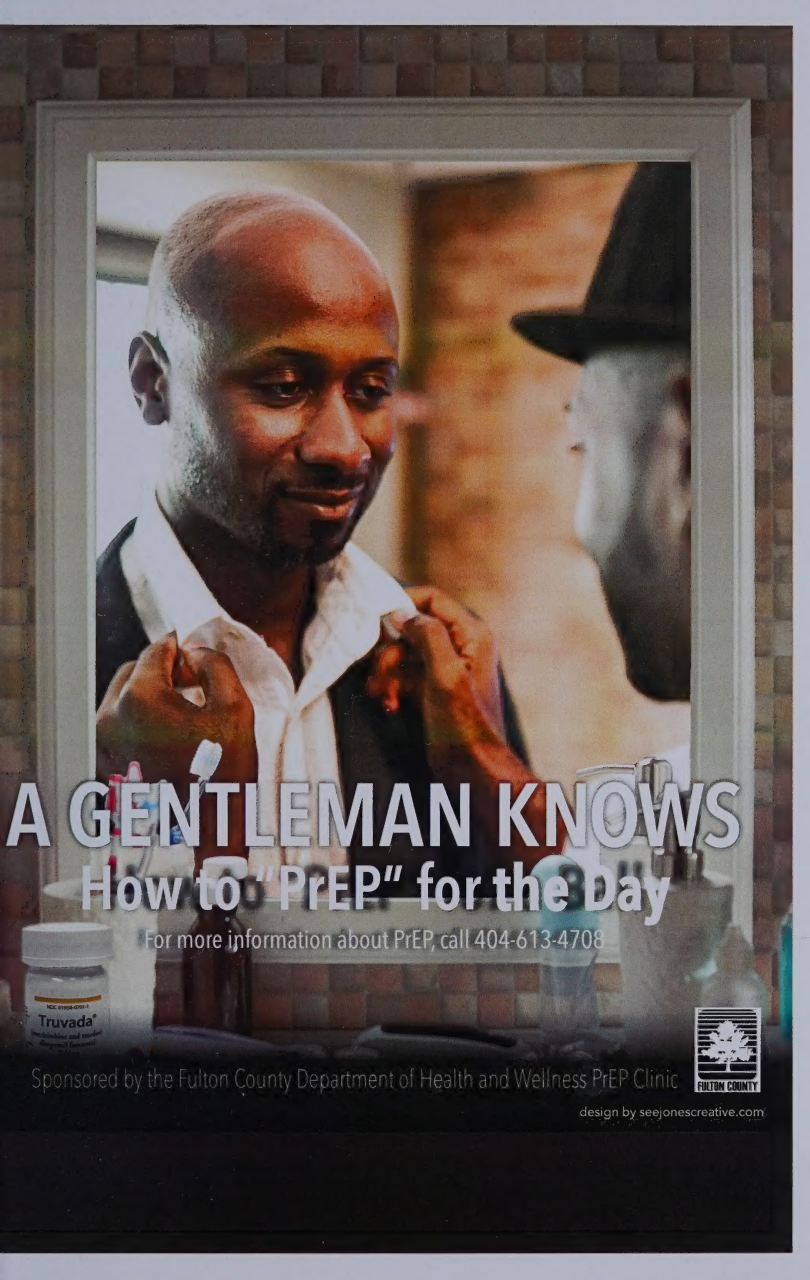
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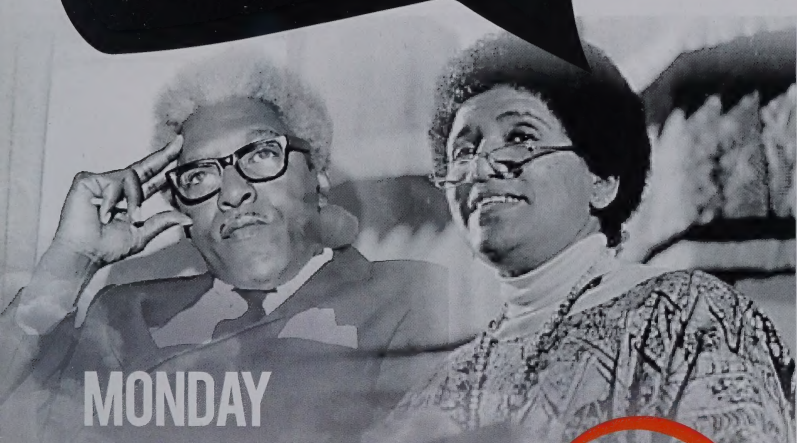

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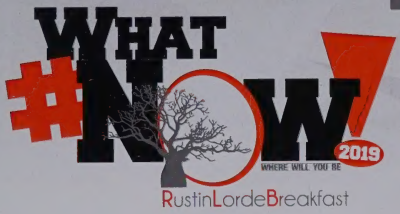

The Breakfast

The planning team welcomes you to the 2019 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast! This year marks our 18th annual event. ***The theme for the 2019 Rustin Lorde Breakfast is "What Now? Where will you be when they come for you?"*** Words borrowed from a poem by the late activist poet Pat Parker – a black, lesbian who knew first-hand about racism and homophobia.

Following the breakfast, we will assemble at the corner of Peachtree St. and Ellis St. at 1:15PM. The March will start at 1:45PM. Immediately following the March, the annual rally will be held in front of the ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change*** at Auburn Ave. and Jackson Ave. The Rally will present several distinguished speakers including honorary marshals. This year, **Larry Scott-Walker** Executive Director THRIVE Support Services, will serve as the honorary LGBTQI marshal. We invite all Breakfast attendees to participate in the March, attend the rally and support honorary marshal Larry Scott-Walker, who is one of the scheduled rally speakers.

We are proud to announce the 2016 incorporation of the **Southern Unity Movement, Inc. (SUM)** as the official host organization for the Breakfast. The mission of SUM is to build a more unified Black LGBTQI community through educational and advocacy work that fosters multi-gender, intergenerational participation.

This morning, we invite you to enjoy yourself and spend time reconnecting with old friends and making new connections! For more information about the Breakfast, please visit our Facebook page RustinLordeAtl or our website **www.southernunity.org.**

Love ,
The Rustin Lorde Breakfast Committee

CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

DARLENE HUDSON

Greetings and Welcome to the **18th Annual Bayard Rustin and Audre Lorde Breakfast.** WOW!!!! Eighteen years and still standing. That's quite an accomplishment thanks to the many people who helped us organize these events and attended them over the years.

Today we are facing seemingly unprecedented attacks by our own government on human rights – especially the rights of LGBTQ people, women, people of color, refugees and migrants, poor people and the list goes on. We are asking the questions, "What Now? Where will you be when they come for you?" Words borrowed from a poem by the late activist poet Pat Parker – a black, lesbian who knew first-hand about racism and homophobia.

I am reminded we have been here before – disrespected, told who we can and can't marry, denied the right to vote and serve our country, and segregated. The attempt to bar transgender people from serving in the military is a recent example of discrimination rearing its ugly head again. We've barely celebrated the 50th anniversaries of the March on Washington and the Voting Rights Act only to see

a slow reversal of those victories. But I am also reminded of an old Christian hymn that tells us "Time is filled with swift transitions" and goes on to say "You better hold on to God's unchanging hand."

This year's Breakfast theme **"#What Now!"** is meant to provoke us to rethink our level of engagement and commitment to social justice. Although in 2019 we may need to develop new strategies, we should be relentless in our pursuit of justice. Just as faith sustained us through turbulent times before, we will need to hold on to it even more. You don't necessarily have to be religious to have faith. People of all backgrounds who believe when they come together change can happen are coming from a place of faith. Let's be mindful of that as well.

Personally, I am committing myself to the launch of the co-gender Southern Unity Movement whose goal is to fill the gaps in support for the needs of the LGBTQ community. I will also be working with others to secure and count every vote in the state of Georgia. I invite you to join me in these endeavors or find an organization you can support to stay engaged.

Finally, I want to leave you with this inspirational poem written and recorded by two black actress/activists, Beah Richards and Ruby Dee (both deceased). I think it speaks to what we need to do now to seize this day and move forward. It's originally entitled

"Today"

Today is ours; let's live it.
And love is strong; let's give it.
A song can help; let's sing it.
And peace is dear; let's bring it.
The past is gone; don't rue it.
Our work is here; let's do it.
Our world is wrong; let's right it.
The battle hard; let's fight it.
The road is rough; let's clear it.
The future vast; don't fear it.
Is faith asleep? Let's wake it.
Today is our; let's take it!

Welcome again to the Rustin-Lorde Breakfast. This is our time, this is our day!

CRAIG WASHINGTON
CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

"I MUST MAKE ASSESSMENT"

Recent turnings in my personal and professional paths have marked my third chapter. By the next Rustin Lorde Breakfast, I will be readying for my 60th birthday. I have more turns around the sun behind me than what is left ahead Like most elders who have been spared steep physical decline, most times I don't consider the balance of days left on my ledger. It is usually when I am unable to sleep at four o clock in the morning, the deepest pit of night that I fret about legacy and future.

When I am interviewing someone about precious memories from Traxx and Loretta's and the reminiscence raises goosebumps I know that this gay man's work is purposeful. When I encounter a random barista, who tells me they look forward to the Rustin Lorde Breakfast every year, I receive the rainbow sign. I am reminded of who I am and what I have survived to make real.

Still it is not enough. If I am not making the most of my remaining time, then I am selling my most priceless commodity for comfort and other cheap payoffs. I have neither the time for procrastination, nor the "luxury of fearlessness" to pause. There are monsters and thieves pillaging our communities while playing us against each other. Vigils roll out body counts of black and brown transgender women shot, stabbed and bludgeoned. It

is 2019 not 1989, yet activists like Daniel Driffin and Nina Martinez must still build alternative pipelines for people with HIV because the service system is so broken. Policies, politicians and popular ideologies conspire to "X away our right to life". Meanwhile far too many of us choose assimilation over liberation, posing instead to pass as normal. How can we sacrifice our most vulnerable, and defend the patriarchal violence of Black male predators, by asking how come white men can get away with it? Why is it that we assign shame to opening our ass to another man, a subversive act which gives and receives joy?

Across four decades Pat Parker's lilting voice calls out to us and calls us out. She alerts "the time for ruses is over" Our times call for a serious reckoning. In order to rally our strength, we must assess not only our opponents but ourselves. How steadfast is our commitment to one another? How far does our community extend past our kin and friendship circles? How does our thirst for justice measure up to our desire for acceptance from those who do not accept us? Are we showing up as activists to clarify our vision or to be seen? What kinds of compensation do we seek from our involvement?

There is a model of leadership largely missing in Atlanta. We do not need more "exceptional" individuals to be cited for unique talents rarely recognized among the masses. We need more leadership generated by the masses, not extracted from them and placed on pedestals because they are male, cisgender, HIV+, young or cute. I came of age during the era of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. It was not an AIDS conference, nor was it reserved for men. There was a spectrum of age and gender that I have rarely witnessed in one Black queer setting since the nineties.

One investment that must be taken up beyond the organic level, is formal leadership development made available to the young and those less experienced re community advocacy. How can we teach technical skills and social movement theory? What trainings could address key community attitudes, ego and activist stardom, self-awareness and gender politics?

However we get there, I need the kind of change that requires more than vanquishing our threats. I need a community that ponders what a healthier community might look like. What kind of spiritual consciousness does it embody? Look up at the times and ask yourself ***"what now"? Where will you be?***

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Nasheedah Bynes-Muhammad

Why does R-Kelly piss on little girls? Did they tell him their real age? Where were the parents while all this was going on? Ya'll so worried about R-Kelly, but what did you say when [Insert White Man's Name Here] was doing it? How many times should Kevin Hart apologize? What more could he say to make you happy? Does everyone have to agree with your lifestyle? Why should he have to answer to you for how he wants to raise his son?

Over and over this week my newsfeed, across social media sites, is full of what is easily the most disappointing and disgusting anti child rhetoric or my young year. Fully-grown men and fully-grown women wielding arguments crafted from the stuff of every single logical fallacy, from red hearing to straw man, about why men who abuse and/or advocate for the abuse of children, minors, and underage girls and boys, deserve absolution, more record deals, the Oscars, and absolutely must be protected from accountability.

"But doesn't R-Kelly deserve our compassion?" "After all he was molested himself and many of the girls in question were fast." "Aliyah lied about her age and the Savage girl's parents were negligent." Hoards of folks, mostly Black and mostly men, rush, militarized, to the ready to launch counter strikes at anyone who demands accountability for a well-documented 30-year track record of abuse against black women and girls perpetrated by Kelly in plain sight. These sentries of toxic masculinity attack the girls themselves blaming them for being too sexy, too fast, too hypersexual. One defender went so far as to tell me that Mary was only 14 when she was wed to Joseph. The foot soldiers of misogyny launch blame, at parents, like firey buckets of oil and tar from mid-evil war machines: "they should have known better." The parents should have known better, the girls should have known better, everybody should have known better except R Kelly.

But 16 year old Cyntoia Brown, abducted, pimped, and repeatedly raped by men who enjoy sex with underage girls knew better when she shot her abuser dead and ran for her life, pockets full of anything she could grab. It was her life or his an she knew better. Thomia Hunter knew better when she fought the man who had abused her for years held a knife to her kneck. Cyntoia and Thomia paid, like sacrificial lambs, for the crimes committed against them by men who took what they wanted from them, like R Kelly, over and over again with impunity. Biblical scape-goats forced, in their innocence, to be vessels for the sins of evil men and to take the prison time that justly belonged to those men.

"Well at least Kevin Hart apologized." But did he really? I've scoured the internet for this so-called prior apology that Kevin feels exempts him from further discussion of his dangerously homophobic "comedy." But a rumor of an apology should be enough, right? A man who advocated beating a young boy unconscious in righteous response to finding him playing with dolls cannot be expected to be genuinely contrite or take concrete steps to atone for this behavior. Everybody should know that a boy child playing with dolls is a threat to his fragile Black masculinity and an even larger threat to the flimsy manhood of his father. Mention holding Hart accountable and familiar sentinels will take up arms to remind us that we cannot "force him to believe in our lifestyle." "Kevin Hart is a comedian; can't the LGBT community take a joke?"

It wasn't a joke to Jamel Myles, the beautiful 9-year-old gay boy who took his own life in August, 2018 after incessant bullying at school. It wasn't a joke to Anthony Avalos, the brave 10-year-old beaten to death by his mother's boyfriend for coming out as gay. Every day a child is abused, and sometimes they die, because of sentiments like those expressed in the "comedy" of Kevin Hart. But while Hart's only loss is the Oscars and a few fans Jamel and Anthony are dead. While Ellen Degnerace and Don Lemon, play gay-tom and issue indulgences for ratings and social media like the life story of a 9 year old boy was abruptly ended and a 10 year old was subjected to a death that most would not wish upon their worst enemy. I wonder if those who bullied and abused these babies ever heard Hart's "jokes."

By now we are all familiar with both stories and we have all heard the many defenses and excuses taken up to protect these men from being accountable for their actions and words. My question, as someone who works to make life better for vulnerable youth every day is, when will protecting our girls be more important than a play list? When will it be our responsibility to defend our children from deadly "comedy?" When will we hold famous Black men accountable for toxic masculinity and violence against women, girls and queer people?

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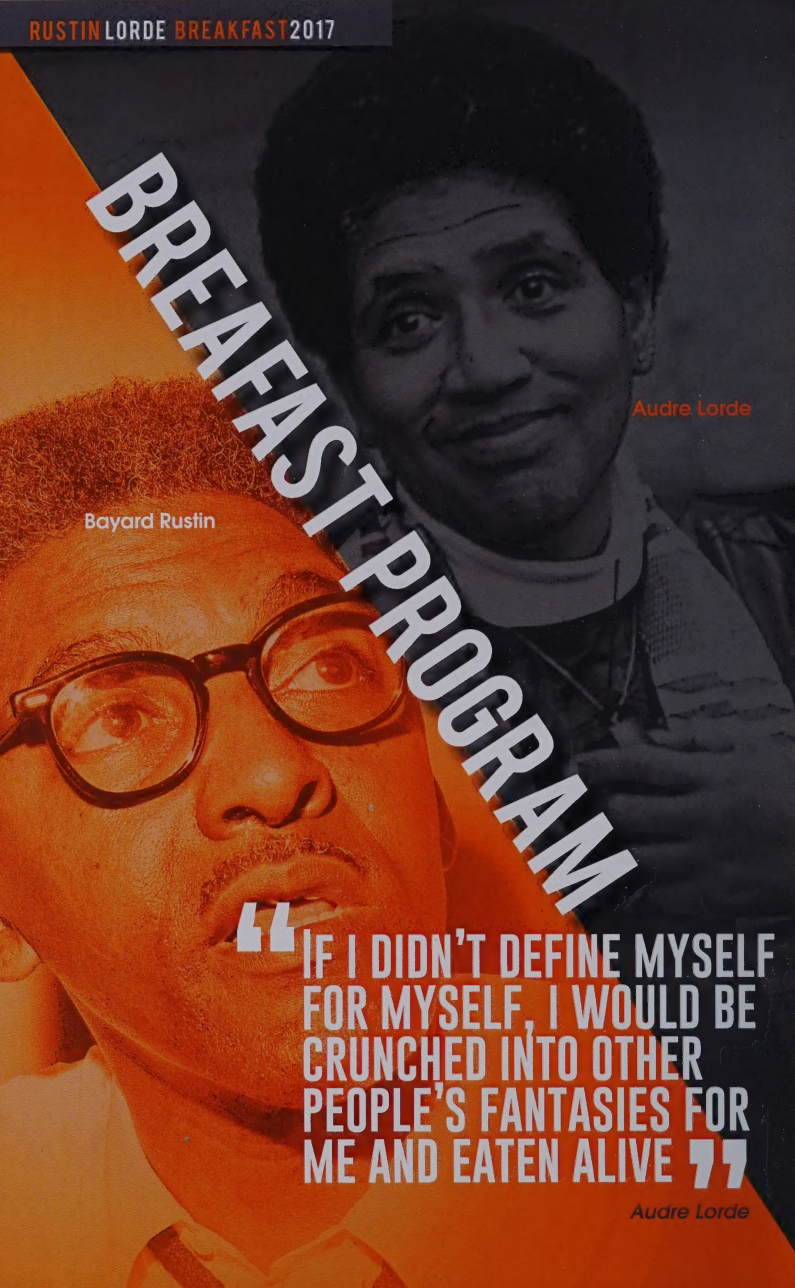

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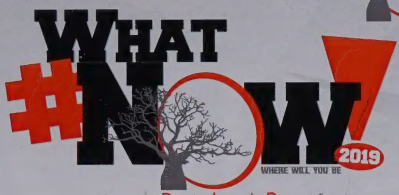

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Progress is being made on the ZAMI NOBLA Biggers Residence. Here are some "Then and Now" photos to view the work accomplished so far.

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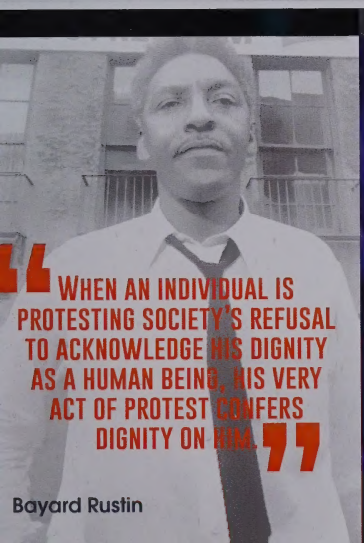
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Bayard Rustin

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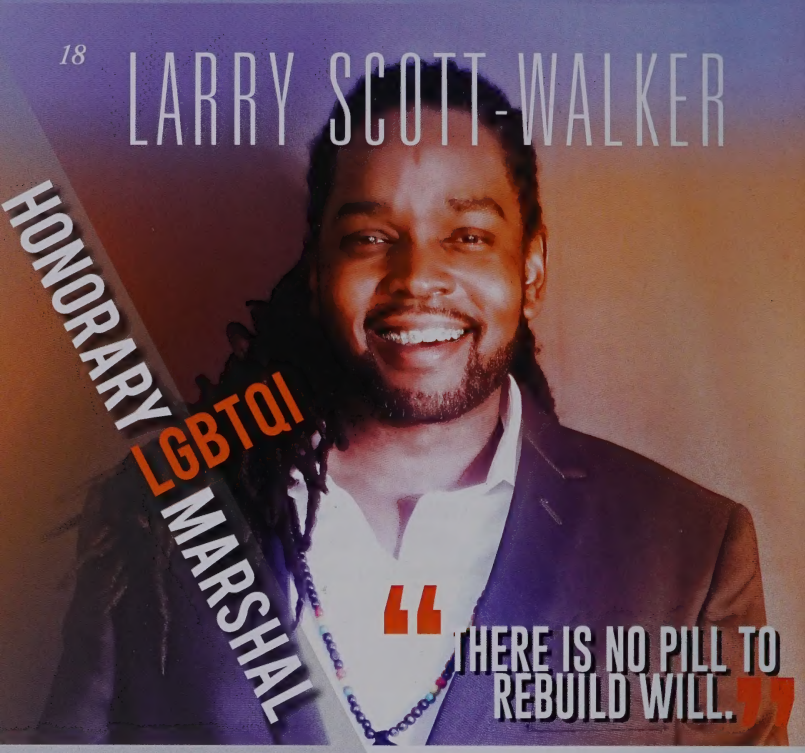

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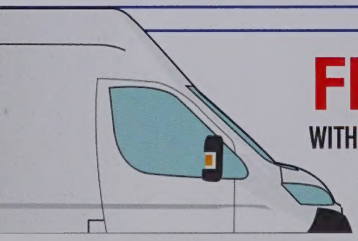

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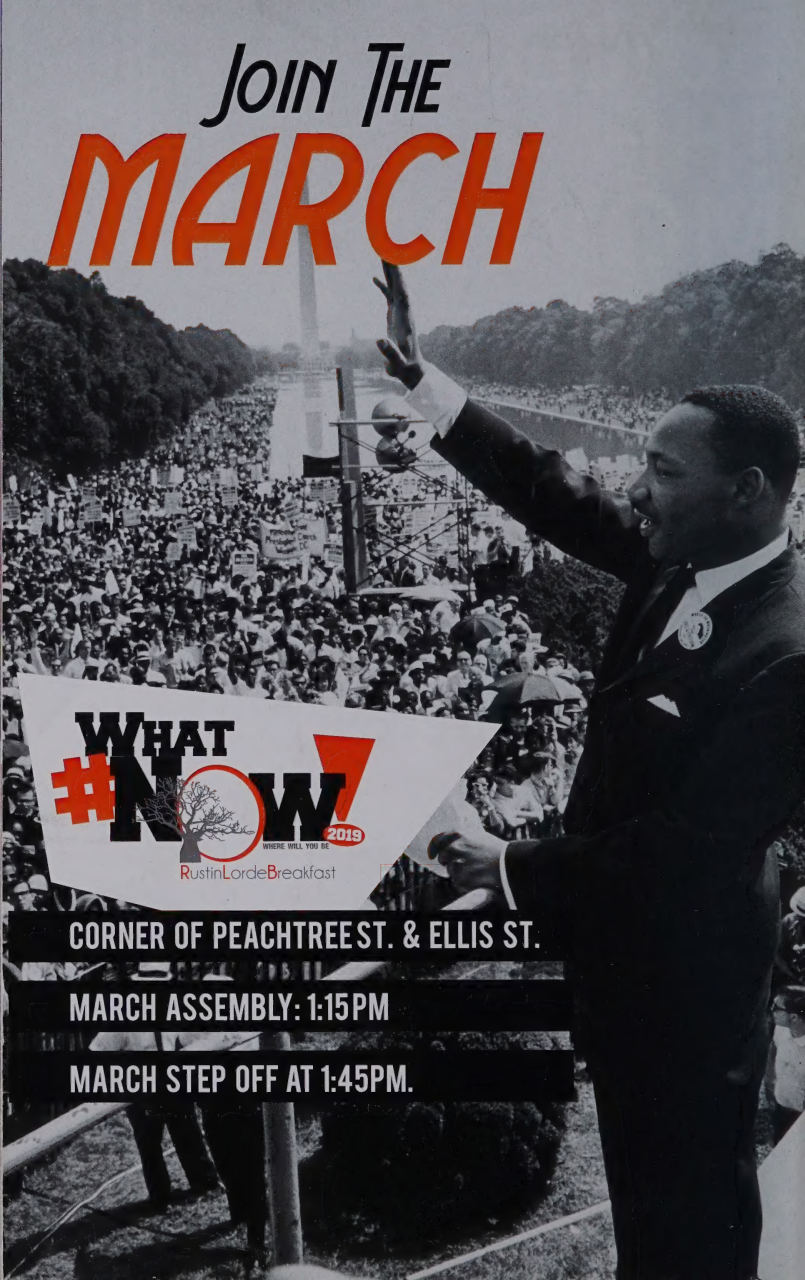
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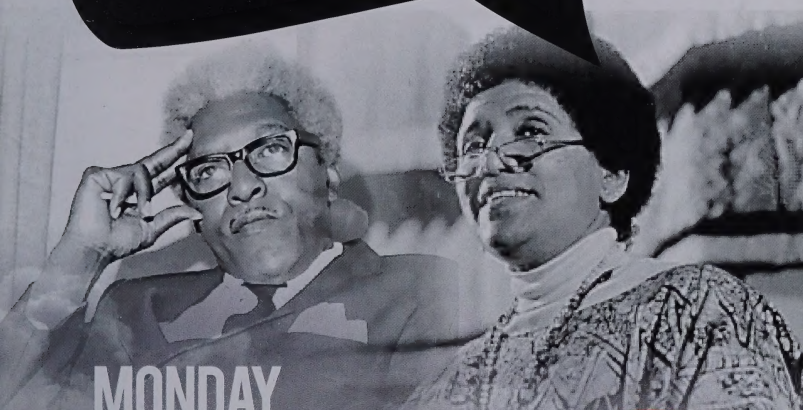

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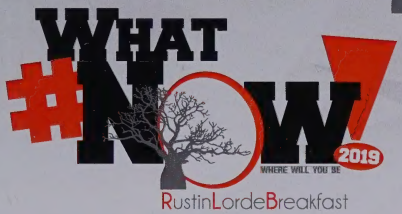

The Breakfast

The planning team welcomes you to the 2019 Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde Breakfast! This year marks our 18th annual event. ***The theme for the 2019 Rustin Lorde Breakfast is "What Now? Where will you be when they come for you?"*** Words borrowed from a poem by the late activist poet Pat Parker – a black, lesbian who knew first-hand about racism and homophobia.

Following the breakfast, we will assemble at the corner of Peachtree St. and Ellis St. at 1:15PM. The March will start at 1:45PM. Immediately following the March, the annual rally will be held in front of the ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change*** at Auburn Ave. and Jackson Ave. The Rally will present several distinguished speakers including honorary marshals. This year, **Larry Scott-Walker** Executive Director THRIVE Support Services, will serve as the honorary LGBTQI marshal. We invite all Breakfast attendees to participate in the March, attend the rally and support honorary marshal Larry Scott-Walker, who is one of the scheduled rally speakers.

We are proud to announce the 2016 incorporation of the **Southern Unity Movement, Inc. (SUM)** as the official host organization for the Breakfast. The mission of SUM is to build a more unified Black LGBTQI community through educational and advocacy work that fosters multi-gender, intergenerational participation.

This morning, we invite you to enjoy yourself and spend time reconnecting with old friends and making new connections! For more information about the Breakfast, please visit our Facebook page RustinLordeAtl or our website **www.southernunity.org.**

Love ,
The Rustin Lorde Breakfast Committee

CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

DARLENE HUDSON

Greetings and Welcome to the **18th Annual Bayard Rustin and Audre Lorde Breakfast.** WOW!!!! Eighteen years and still standing. That's quite an accomplishment thanks to the many people who helped us organize these events and attended them over the years.

Today we are facing seemingly unprecedented attacks by our own government on human rights – especially the rights of LGBTQ people, women, people of color, refugees and migrants, poor people and the list goes on. We are asking the questions, "What Now? Where will you be when they come for you?" Words borrowed from a poem by the late activist poet Pat Parker – a black, lesbian who knew first-hand about racism and homophobia.

I am reminded we have been here before – disrespected, told who we can and can't marry, denied the right to vote and serve our country, and segregated. The attempt to bar transgender people from serving in the military is a recent example of discrimination rearing its ugly head again. We've barely celebrated the 50th anniversaries of the March on Washington and the Voting Rights Act only to see

a slow reversal of those victories. But I am also reminded of an old Christian hymn that tells us "Time is filled with swift transitions" and goes on to say "You better hold on to God's unchanging hand."

This year's Breakfast theme **"#What Now!"** is meant to provoke us to rethink our level of engagement and commitment to social justice. Although in 2019 we may need to develop new strategies, we should be relentless in our pursuit of justice. Just as faith sustained us through turbulent times before, we will need to hold on to it even more. You don't necessarily have to be religious to have faith. People of all backgrounds who believe when they come together change can happen are coming from a place of faith. Let's be mindful of that as well.

Personally, I am committing myself to the launch of the co-gender Southern Unity Movement whose goal is to fill the gaps in support for the needs of the LGBTQ community. I will also be working with others to secure and count every vote in the state of Georgia. I invite you to join me in these endeavors or find an organization you can support to stay engaged.

Finally, I want to leave you with this inspirational poem written and recorded by two black actress/activists, Beah Richards and Ruby Dee (both deceased). I think it speaks to what we need to do now to seize this day and move forward. It's originally entitled

"Today"

Today is ours; let's live it.
And love is strong; let's give it.
A song can help; let's sing it.
And peace is dear; let's bring it.
The past is gone; don't rue it.
Our work is here; let's do it.
Our world is wrong; let's right it.
The battle hard; let's fight it.
The road is rough; let's clear it.
The future vast; don't fear it.
Is faith asleep? Let's wake it.
Today is our; let's take it!

Welcome again to the Rustin-Lorde Breakfast. This is our time, this is our day!

CRAIG WASHINGTON

CO-CHAIRS WELCOME

"I MUST MAKE ASSESSMENT"

Recent turnings in my personal and professional paths have marked my third chapter. By the next Rustin Lorde Breakfast, I will be readying for my 60th birthday. I have more turns around the sun behind me than what is left ahead Like most elders who have been spared steep physical decline, most times I don't consider the balance of days left on my ledger. It is usually when I am unable to sleep at four o clock in the morning, the deepest pit of night that I fret about legacy and future.

When I am interviewing someone about precious memories from Traxx and Loretta's and the reminiscence raises goosebumps I know that this gay man's work is purposeful. When I encounter a random barista, who tells me they look forward to the Rustin Lorde Breakfast every year, I receive the rainbow sign. I am reminded of who I am and what I have survived to make real.

Still it is not enough. If I am not making the most of my remaining time, then I am selling my most priceless commodity for comfort and other cheap payoffs. I have neither the time for procrastination, nor the "luxury of fearlessness" to pause. There are monsters and thieves pillaging our communities while playing us against each other. Vigils roll out body counts of black and brown transgender women shot, stabbed and bludgeoned. It

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is 2019 not 1989, yet activists like Daniel Driffin and Nina Martinez must still build alternative pipelines for people with HIV because the service system is so broken. Policies, politicians and popular ideologies conspire to "X away our right to life". Meanwhile far too many of us choose assimilation over liberation, posing instead to pass as normal. How can we sacrifice our most vulnerable, and defend the patriarchal violence of Black male predators, by asking how come white men can get away with it? Why is it that we assign shame to opening our ass to another man, a subversive act which gives and receives joy?

Across four decades Pat Parker's lilting voice calls out to us and calls us out. She alerts "the time for ruses is over" Our times call for a serious reckoning. In order to rally our strength, we must assess not only our opponents but ourselves. How steadfast is our commitment to one another? How far does our community extend past our kin and friendship circles? How does our thirst for justice measure up to our desire for acceptance from those who do not accept us? Are we showing up as activists to clarify our vision or to be seen? What kinds of compensation do we seek from our involvement?

There is a model of leadership largely missing in Atlanta. We do not need more "exceptional" individuals to be cited for unique talents rarely recognized among the masses. We need more leadership generated by the masses, not extracted from them and placed on pedestals because they are male, cisgender, HIV+, young or cute. I came of age during the era of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum. It was not an AIDS conference, nor was it reserved for men. There was a spectrum of age and gender that I have rarely witnessed in one Black queer setting since the nineties.

One investment that must be taken up beyond the organic level, is formal leadership development made available to the young and those less experienced re community advocacy. How can we teach technical skills and social movement theory? What trainings could address key community attitudes, ego and activist stardom, self-awareness and gender politics?

However we get there, I need the kind of change that requires more than vanquishing our threats. I need a community that ponders what a healthier community might look like. What kind of spiritual consciousness does it embody? Look up at the times and ask yourself ***"what now"? Where will you be?***

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ACCOUNTABILITY

Nasheedah Bynes-Muhammad

Why does R-Kelly piss on little girls? Did they tell him their real age? Where were the parents while all this was going on? Ya'll so worried about R-Kelly, but what did you say when [Insert White Man's Name Here] was doing it? How many times should Kevin Hart apologize? What more could he say to make you happy? Does everyone have to agree with your lifestyle? Why should he have to answer to you for how he wants to raise his son?

Over and over this week my newsfeed, across social media sites, is full of what is easily the most disappointing and disgusting anti child rhetoric or my young year. Fully-grown men and fully-grown women wielding arguments crafted from the stuff of every single logical fallacy, from red hearing to straw man, about why men who abuse and/or advocate for the abuse of children, minors, and underage girls and boys, deserve absolution, more record deals, the Oscars, and absolutely must be protected from accountability.

"But doesn't R-Kelly deserve our compassion?" "After all he was molested himself and many of the girls in question were fast." "Aliyah lied about her age and the Savage girl's parents were negligent." Hoards of folks, mostly Black and mostly men, rush, militarized, to the ready to launch counter strikes at anyone who demands accountability for a well-documented 30-year track record of abuse against black women and girls perpetrated by Kelly in plain sight. These sentries of toxic masculinity attack the girls themselves blaming them for being too sexy, too fast, too hypersexual. One defender went so far as to tell me that Mary was only 14 when she was wed to Joseph. The foot soldiers of misogyny launch blame, at parents, like firey buckets of oil and tar from mid-evil war machines: "they should have known better." The parents should have known better, the girls should have known better, everybody should have known better except R Kelly.

But 16 year old Cyntoia Brown, abducted, pimped, and repeatedly raped by men who enjoy sex with underage girls knew better when she shot her abuser dead and ran for her life, pockets full of anything she could grab. It was her life or his an she knew better. Thomia Hunter knew better when she fought the man who had abused her for years held a knife to her kneck. Cyntoia and Thomia paid, like sacrificial lambs, for the crimes committed against them by men who took what they wanted from them, like R Kelly, over and over again with impunity. Biblical scape-goats forced, in their innocence, to be vessels for the sins of evil men and to take the prison time that justly belonged to those men.

"Well at least Kevin Hart apologized." But did he really? I've scoured the internet for this so-called prior apology that Kevin feels exempts him from further discussion of his dangerously homophobic "comedy." But a rumor of an apology should be enough, right? A man who advocated beating a young boy unconscious in righteous response to finding him playing with dolls cannot be expected to be genuinely contrite or take concrete steps to atone for this behavior. Everybody should know that a boy child playing with dolls is a threat to his fragile Black masculinity and an even larger threat to the flimsy manhood of his father. Mention holding Hart accountable and familiar sentinels will take up arms to remind us that we cannot "force him to believe in our lifestyle." "Kevin Hart is a comedian; can't the LGBT community take a joke?"

It wasn't a joke to Jamel Myles, the beautiful 9-year-old gay boy who took his own life in August, 2018 after incessant bullying at school. It wasn't a joke to Anthony Avalos, the brave 10-year-old beaten to death by his mother's boyfriend for coming out as gay. Every day a child is abused, and sometimes they die, because of sentiments like those expressed in the "comedy" of Kevin Hart. But while Hart's only loss is the Oscars and a few fans Jamel and Anthony are dead. While Ellen Degnerace and Don Lemon, play gay-tom and issue indulgences for ratings and social media like the life story of a 9 year old boy was abruptly ended and a 10 year old was subjected to a death that most would not wish upon their worst enemy. I wonder if those who bullied and abused these babies ever heard Hart's "jokes."

By now we are all familiar with both stories and we have all heard the many defenses and excuses taken up to protect these men from being accountable for their actions and words. My question, as someone who works to make life better for vulnerable youth every day is, when will protecting our girls be more important than a play list? When will it be our responsibility to defend our children from deadly "comedy?" When will we hold famous Black men accountable for toxic masculinity and violence against women, girls and queer people?

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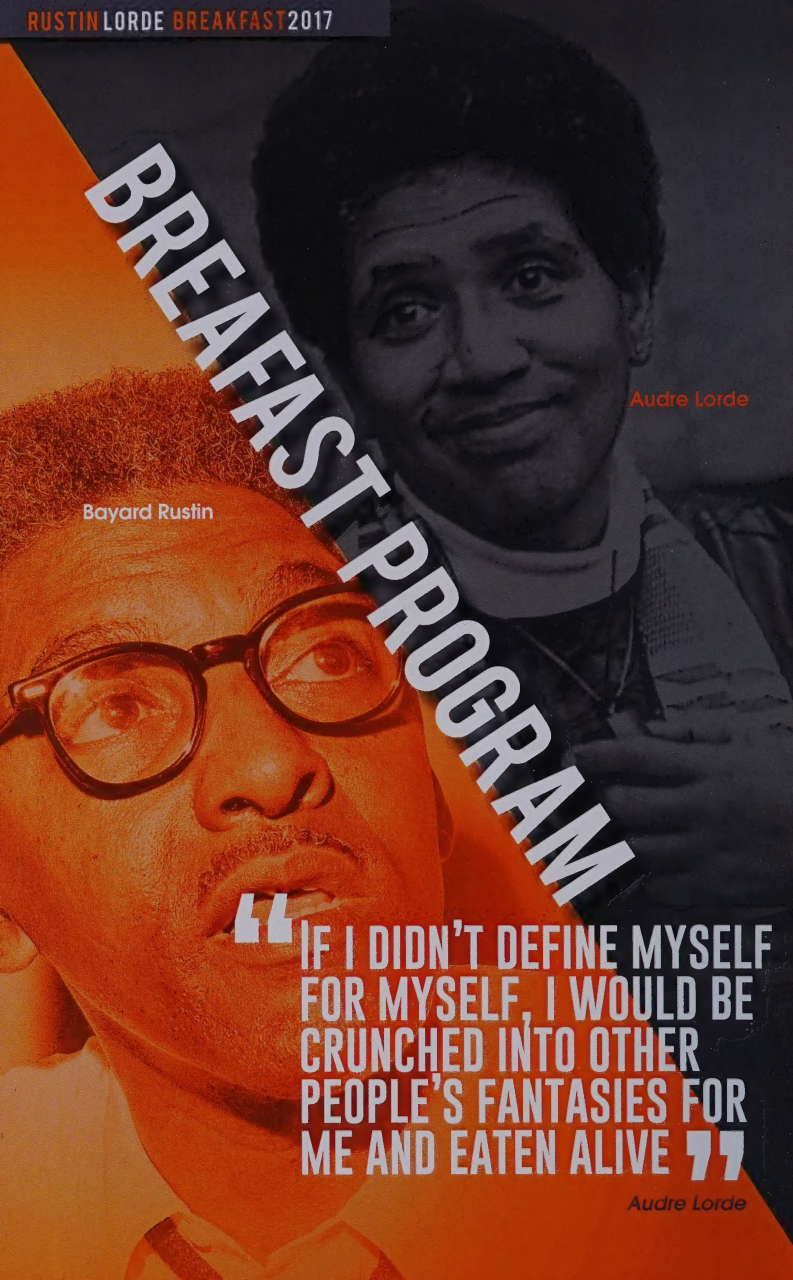

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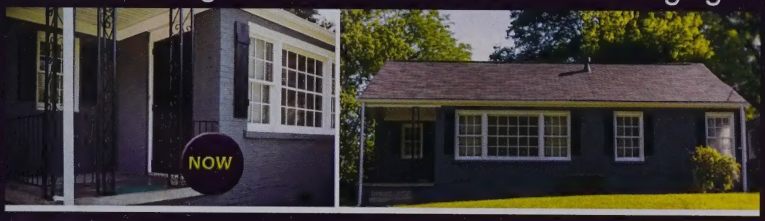

UPDATE

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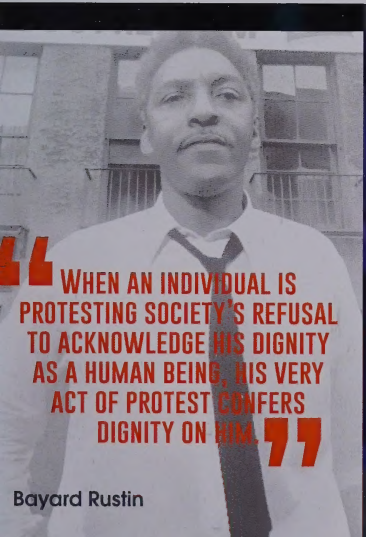
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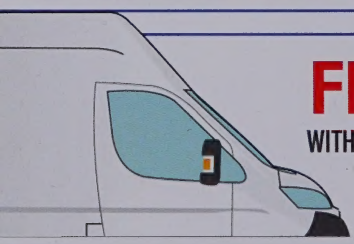

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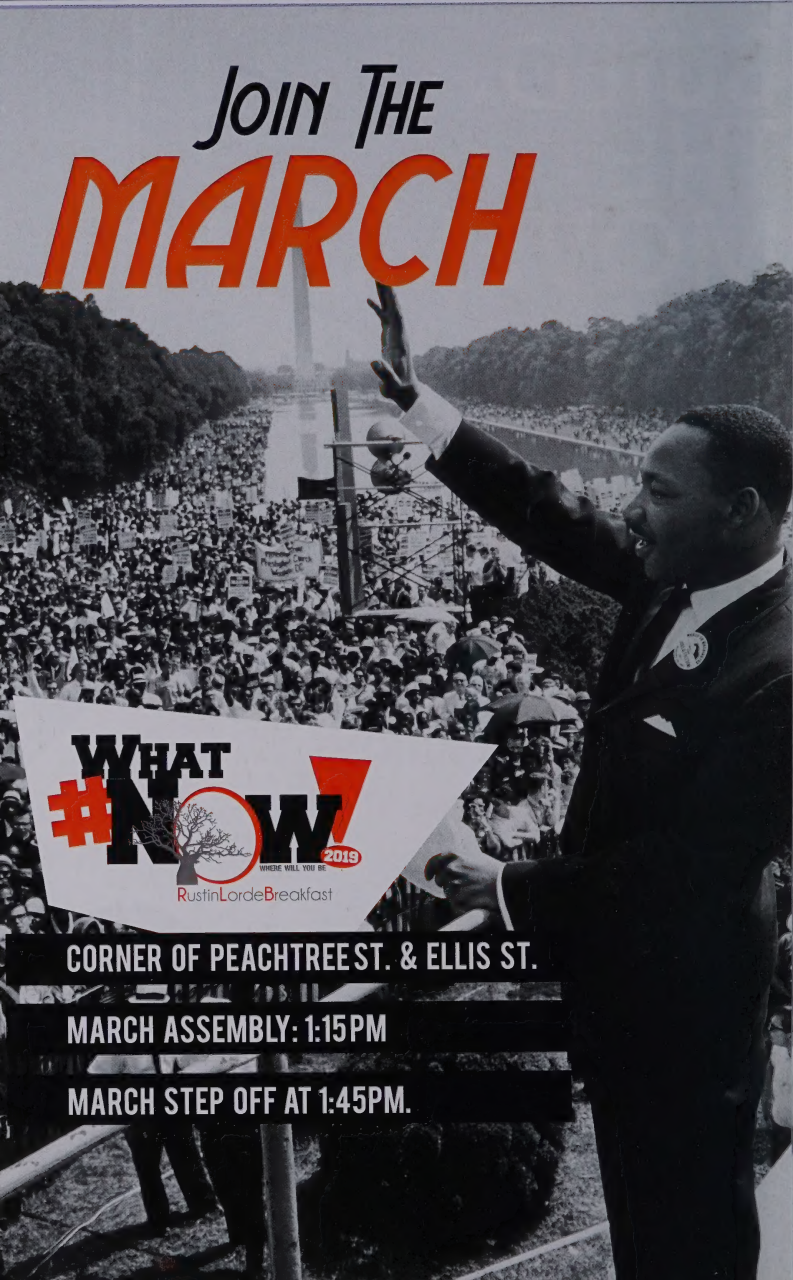

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RE: 2023 Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast

It is a pleasure to welcome you and distinguished guest to the 2023 Bayard-Rustin Audre Lord Breakfast.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on 22 years of service in educating communities about the life and contributions of Bayard Rustin, Audre Lorde, and other activists.

The Rustin-Lorde Breakfast is grounded in Black LGBT organizing yet it convenes a multiracial, intergenerational platform for mobilization. The Bayard Rustin-Audre Lorde Breakfast was founded in January 2002 to provide attendees the opportunity to connect before participating in the Martin Luther King, Jr. March. Co-founders Roshelle Darlene Hudson and Craig Washington conceived of the breakfast as a fellowship space for LGBT people to enjoy before joining the Martin Luther King Jr. March and Rally on MLK Day.

On behalf of the City of Atlanta, I extend best wishes for a memorable and successful 22nd celebration.

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Greetings

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and the residents of District 4, it is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome and greetings to the organizers and attendees of ***The Southern Unity Movement's, 2023 Rustin/Lorde Breakfast***. Your dedication to serving our community for the past 20 years has helped build a more unified Black LGBTQ Community through advocacy, cultural education, recreation, and intergenerational participation.

Freedom fighters like Audre Lorde, Bayard Rustin, and my former boss Fulton County Commissioner Joan P. Garner, inspired me to prioritize the need for an equitable community. I understand the importance of encouraging collaboration, providing resources, and fighting for the overall well-being of the Black and LGBTQ communities.

This year's theme "We're Back!", reflects our need to continue supporting the movement and working together to serve our underserved communities. Thank you to the Southern Unity Movement, volunteers, sponsors, supporters, and the co-founders of The Rustin/Lorde Breakfast, Craig Washington and R. Darlene Hudson. Through education, networking, and collective efforts we can continue making significant advancements in social justice.

I look forward to continuing to do this heart work with you.

Sincerely,

Natalie Hall

Fulton County Commissioner, District 4

DARLENE HUDSON
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New Year greetings on this Rev Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of remembrance and action!

It's been two years since we met face-to-face, and you all look marvelous!

As you all know, we had to take a long break from in-person activities as we learned to live with a new virus called COVID-19 that killed over 1 million Americans by the end of 2022. It was a season of grief and uncertainty as some of us became sick, and many of us know someone who perished from the disease. We've also lost loved ones to other causes since the last time we came together. In 2020, my mother was here at our previous Breakfast and died six months later. I can't begin to tell you about the emotional pain of dealing with that loss. But as much sadness as we've experienced, we know "joy comes in the morning."

I am excited to welcome you back to the 22nd Annual Rustin-Lorde Breakfast. What started as a gathering in the parking lot near the Civic Center over 21 years ago has grown into an event focused on social justice for people of all ages and backgrounds. The Breakfast is our homecoming, where we break bread together, mourn our losses, and reenergize ourselves to continue to make "good trouble" as a friend to the Breakfast, the late Congressman John Lewis would say.

So, like in the story of the Phoenix rising from the ashes, we reemerge in 2023 smarter and stronger. We rise to fight against both physical violence and mean-spirited legislation that targets LGBTQ people, racism that disproportionately affects Black and brown communities, the assault on women's reproductive rights, violence against our Asian sisters and brothers, and people fleeing violence and poverty in their own countries. We understand Civil Rights are Human Rights, and all people are entitled to be treated with dignity and respect. We've got a lot of work ahead of us.

Let's also celebrate our hard-fought victories, like Senator Raphael Warnock's reelection to the Senate and the elections of Park Cannon and Karla Drenner to the GA General Assembly, along with Atlanta City Council members; Keisha Waites, Liliana Bakhtiari, Alex Wan, and other LGBTQ representatives across the country.

We also rise in power and strength when we take better care of our mental health, walk or engage in regular physical exercise, establish community gardens to feed ourselves better, check on each other, and show kindness. I am reminded of one of those rhymes from my childhood, and you can sing along with me if you remember it—"the more we get together, together, together...the more we get together, the happier we will be."

Thank you to one of the best planning committees. They have provided new and innovative marketing, registration, and planning approaches to this year's Breakfast.

RIM Fellowship UCC: LGBTQ Congregation

Takes Ministry Beyond The Four Walls of the Church

By Darian Aaron

When Bishop-Elect Sonya Williams took a leap of faith in 2008 to start RIM Fellowship, an Atlanta-based ministry within the United Church of Christ, she was clear about her role as a spiritual leader to a historically marginalized group of believers.

"If it doesn't remove stigma and restore dignity, then it's not ministry," Williams says matter-of-factly.

"Like most Black churches where women are the majority of weekly attendees, RIM's congregation reflects the trend; however, there are exceptions—RIM's female majority identifies as LGBTQ, and unlike most traditional and even some affirming Black churches, women in leadership are ingrained in RIM's culture.

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Gifted Girls Of Grace Mentorship Program

By Darian Aaro

Continues Legacy of Visionary Founder

Before Deanna Lanier stepped into her current role as CEO of Gifted Girls of Grace (GGOG), a nonprofit organization launched in 2015 to provide one-on-one and group mentorship to teenage girls, she was an original mentee and little sister to GGOG's founder, the late Erica Danielle Lanier. A former Spelman College education major with dreams of becoming an education superintendent focused on reform and the prioritization of urban and lower-income communities—Erica did not live to see her dreams come to fruition—passing away following a tragic car accident in 2017.

"Erica was my biggest role model. Being a little sister, you look up to everything she does, and I kid you not, everything she did, I wanted to do," Lanier says. "And so part of being in this role has been finding my voice and path, but also, it's great to know that I have her footsteps to walk in, and she had such a powerful impact in the community."

Before her passing, Lanier says Erica identified a need for mentorship programs explicitly designed for teenage girls.

"She realized that sometimes nonprofits don't target the high school age group because they're seen as more difficult to work with," Lanier says. "You see a lot of mentoring programs that are focused on elementary school students, which is great. We need all those programs, but there aren't enough

that target teenage girls."

GGOG focuses on mentoring girls 12 to 18 by incorporating sisterhood, culture, etiquette, and self-empowering activities into their daily routines. Currently, GGO serves 14 mentees paired with Spelman College mentors under this year's theme—"GGOG and Tech."

"We have a [new] theme each year," Lanier says. "We've had a theme about art and exposing them to different art outlets around Atlanta. We've also had a theme related to political awareness during the election year. We wanted to make sure that they were aware of the political climate that we live in [currently]. And so, our goal is to immerse them within the community and help them build trusting relationships," she adds.

Lanier says many initiatives Erica began before passing have been achieved or surpassed. The Erica D. Lanier Gifted Girls of Grace Book Scholarship, created in Erica's memory, awards $250 and $500 scholarships to incoming first-year students to help offset the costs of books.

"The number of scholarships we provide is solely dependent on the amount that we receive in donations," Lanier says.

During the pandemic, financial support from Southern Unity Movement to GGOG provided funds for an additional GGOG Book Scholarship.

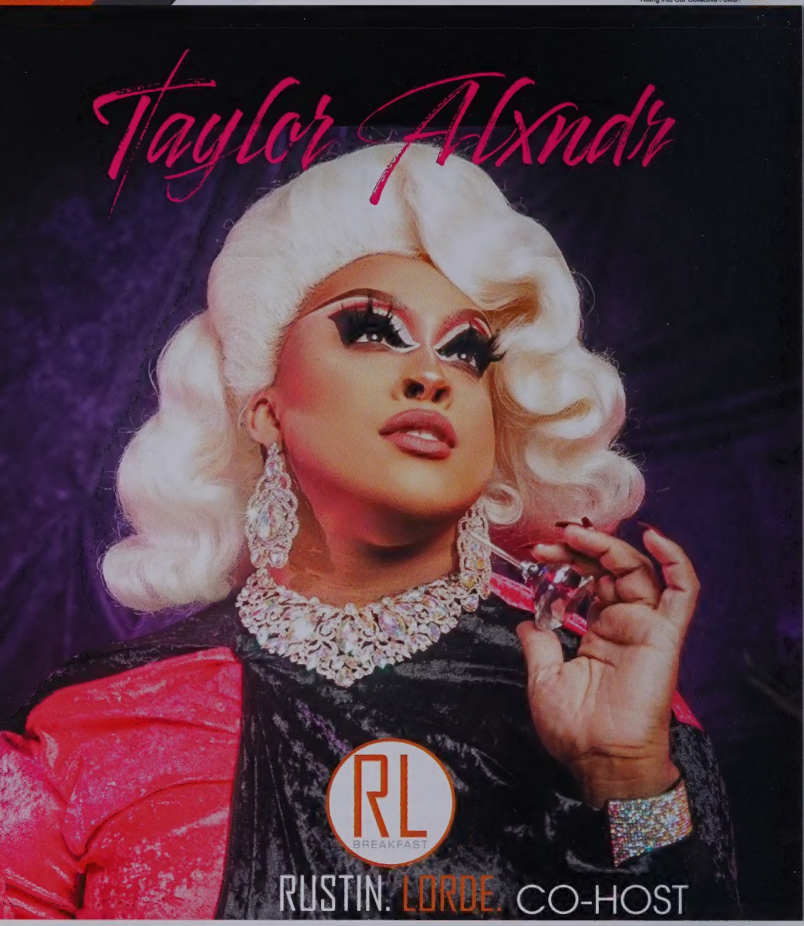
"Being a nonprofit, it's sometimes difficult to get funding. But [Darlene Hudson] has been an avid and consistent supporter of Gifted Girls, not just in terms of monetary support, but also with helping to expand our reach and finding people we can help as a nonprofit," Lanier says.

"She's helped students at Spelman College and New York University. We've had students all over who've received our scholarships, and her monetary donations help to provide those contributions," she adds.

Nearly eight years after Erica initially saw a need for GGOG and almost five years since her passing, Lanier says it was never a doubt the work would continue.

"We had to continue the vision because it was a need in our community, and she noticed it, and there still was a need despite her passing," she says.

"I would hope that she is proud of the work that we're doing. We're trying to make sure that we hold on to her initial vision while also trying to expand our reach."



TAYLOR ALXNDR (they/she) is an Atlanta-based musician, drag performer, multi-media artist, and community organizer. ALXNDR is the co-founder and current executive director of Southern Fried Queer Pride (SFQP), a queer + trans, arts + advocacy organization centering Southern queer communities. They are also the mother of the House of ALXNDR, an Atlanta-based drag family and events hub, creating drag-centered, inclusive events.

Miko "Meak" Evans is a full time Artist-Entrepreneur with over 20+Years of experience in music entertainment management, performing arts, creative design, marketing & advertising to include new media consulting, small business & community advocacy. Through his entrepreneurship and innovation, he has created and produced countless branding Identities, remix projects, special events and Marketing Campaigns for some of the nation's newest small businesses, Indie recording artists, and major non-profit organizations.

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RIM Takes Ministry Beyond The Four Walls of the Church

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"I definitely wanted a place where there would be equality and equity, and everyone had a chance to use their gifts, use their talents, and be respected as a child of Christ," Williams says.

"I've noticed that there were a lot of affirming churches operating in the same oppression but just kind of slapped gay or affirming on it. But were still not giving women a lot of the opportunities that the men had," she adds.

Now, nearly 15 years after opening its doors, RIM's ministry is living its mission of reaching the masses with a message of inspiration that moves people to their destination through the radically inclusive love of Christ—the good news that Williams refuses to only share within the confines of the church.

"We have to make sure that we are meeting people where they are," she says. "Take the church to the people. Leave the four walls."

The Jackson, MS, water crisis presented an opportunity for RIM Fellowship to do just that.

"When we saw on the news what happened with the pipes in Jackson, MS, that was the straw that broke the camel's back," Williams says. "How could we not find it in our hearts to get water and supplies to people who need it? We had to be there to help people who looked like us."

Shortly after, Williams launched a public drive to collect bottled water and other critical supplies for Jackson residents. A flier posted by Williams on RIM's Facebook page caught the attention of Southern Unity Movement and Rustin/Lorde Breakfast co-founder Darlene Hudson.

"She's always been a support to RIM," Williams says. "She said, 'I wanna help.' And she wrote a check and said, 'Hey, when can you pick it up?' We thank God for her generosity and willingness to respond to people in need."

Williams says RIM made four trips to Jackson to deliver water and other supplies, with more trips planned soon.

"The problem persists," she says. We're taking ministry out of the four walls into the places where people need to know that there's love and hope and that somebody cares—somebody sees them."

"We have a saying at RIM that outreach is our heartbeat. That is who we are."

CHARLIE ANN'S Angel Food Service

'IT'S JUST NICE TO BE NICE:'

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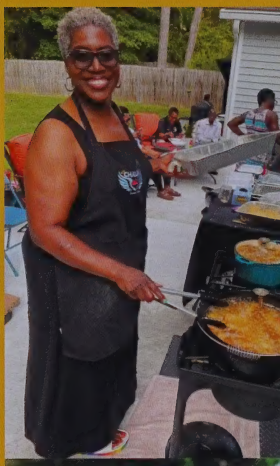

By Darian Aaron

In 2020, Cynthia McKinney, a 20-year service desk analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank, found herself at an unexpected crossroads. Like most Americans overwhelmed by the emergence of COVID-19, McKinney had to reevaluate her priorities. She took an early retirement package and began to substitute teach. Surprisingly, she fell in love with the profession and earned the proper credentials to become a Douglas County fifth-grade science and social studies teacher. But her lifelong passion for cooking and community became defining elements in her second act.

"I would cook and serve meals, and people would purchase them," McKinney says. "So one of my classmates messaged me one day. She said, 'I'd like to buy a couple of meals. But can you donate them

to senior citizens? Maybe to people who are quarantined and can't get out?'"

McKinney says the exchange between her friend was the impetus for Charlie Ann's Angels Food Service. The LLC is the brainchild of McKinney and is responsible for feeding over 500 senior citizens in Atlanta during the pandemic. Barge Road HighRise Senior Apartments Complex in Southwest Atlanta was one of the first communities to receive McKinney's meals.

McKinney says what began as a vision to feed a few people quickly morphed into a feast for a few dozen.

McKinney prepared a menu of baked chicken, candied yams, cabbage, and cornbread muffins for the first meal. And for dessert, peach cobbler and pound cake. Due to COVID-19 protocols, she was not allowed entry into the facility, so she dropped the meals off. Once COVID restrictions eased, Mckinney says she was able to engage Barge Road residents. And as the service began to expand, the residents inside an additional facility with support from Hillary Thomas of AARP.

"We took meals to them, and then we went back again, and I set up outside, and we did a fish fry," McKinney says. "We purchased blankets when it got cold. And we got the names of the individuals, and we gave them embroidered throws for their laps."

Named after her late mother, Charlie Ann, who passed away in 2016, McKinney says the Food Service continues her mother's legacy.

"Everything that I am is my mom," she says. "I'm always trying to continue her legacy of kindness. One of her main mantras was, "It's just nice to be nice."

The youngest of five kids, McKinney was raised in Burdette, AR, a small township with a population of 140—about four miles from the Missouri state line with her mother and father, who currently resides in a nursing home in West Helena, AR.

"My mother was extremely generous. She could be at a store, see some shirts, and think about the man down the street. 'I bet he can fit these, and they're only a quarter each. Let me get them for him'"

The late matriarch would not be surprised to learn that her daughter has founded an organization in her name and, besides a couple of volunteers, often steers the ship solo.

"I have people who come and volunteer to help me set up and help me make the meals," McKinney says." "I'm going to do better with delegating because I have sat and peeled 40 pounds of potatoes."

McKinney says she is grateful for the financial seed sown into her organization by Southern Unity Movement and Rustin/Lorde Breakfast co-founder Darlene Hudson, whom she met for the first time at the 2020 Breakfast and subsequently forged a social media connection.

"She saw what I was doing. And she called me up and said, 'Hey, lady.' I called her [by her first name] Roshelle, and she said, 'Look, I go by Darlene.' Her donation helped purchase food, containers, and the embroidered blankets."

McKinney says she's never felt this fulfilled in her entire life.

"All of it just fell into my lap and took on a persona of its own."

ARKANSAS RAPPS BUILDS ON EARLY HIV ORGANIZING TO SAVE BLACK GAY LIVES

By Darian Aaron

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As HIV began to decimate the lives of Black gay men in the 1980s, Cornelius Mabin Jr., now CEO and founder of ARKANSAS RAPPS, began mobilizing members of Little Rock's Black gay community to develop a survival plan in the living room of his small two-bedroom apartment.

Without any financial assistance or physical meeting space outside his apartment to respond to the existential threats of HIV and homophobia, Mabin and other Black gay men organized to save their lives despite the misinformation, fear, and AIDS hysteria of the early '80s. Before then, Mabin says spaces in Little Rock were almost non-existent for Black gay men to share their hopes, desires, and traumas. But that would change.

Fast forward to 2014. The work that began in the late '80s in a residential space is now a 501(c)3 community-based organization providing an array of HIV services and support inside an official building. One of their most popular programs, "Welcome to The Living Room," is a nod to ARKANSAS RAPPS (an acronym for Reaching Affirming Positive Progressive Systems) early beginnings.

"I was asked by the [Arkansas] Department of Health to do an outreach program," Mabin says. "They asked me what I was going to call it, and I said, well, I'm going to call it The Living Room. I realized that the living room was not just merely a space where we were meeting. We were finding spaces to live in as individuals, as people," he says. "We needed a place where we could breathe and really live. We all needed living rooms to live in."

A weekly discussion group and HIV intervention model, "Welcome To The Living Room," gives Black gay and bisexual men an opportunity to talk about cultivating healthy relationships and, in some cases, the need for stronger father-son relationships, along with the impact of

homophobia on social determinants of health. Attendees can then utilize ARKANSAS RAPPS as an immediate resource toward harm reduction.

"I've always focused on making sure Black gay men had opportunities and spaces presented to them," Mabin says. "I wanted to step up and create something that I thought would be useful to Black gay men."

In 2022, Mabin says the Black gay men ARKANSAS RAPPS served sent a clear message that a retreat was necessary. But a retreat would require funding, which Mabin says was limited. He and colleague Keith Jones, who Mabin says suggested Southern Unity Movement's co-founder Darlene Hudson as a potential sponsor, set out to acquire funding.

"We literally had no money, to begin with, and we were trying to gather some momentum. I was trying to find sponsors, and she [Darlene Hudson] came through and offered us some sponsorship."

Although a native of Little Rock, AR, Hudson is a longtime Atlanta resident. Mabin says Jones was unsure Hudson would be interested in supporting the retreat.

"[I told him to] speak to her from your heart and tell her what we're trying to do and see what happens. And that's what he did."

Southern Unity Movement's financial support contributed to the successful three-day "Taking Charge of Change Retreat" held at Embassy Suites in Hot Springs, AR, at no cost to attendees.

While Mabin says ARKANSAS RAPPS works year-round to provide a safe place for Black gay men, the feedback after the three-day retreat was clear: "They [attendees] had a sense of belonging. They were seen and heard."

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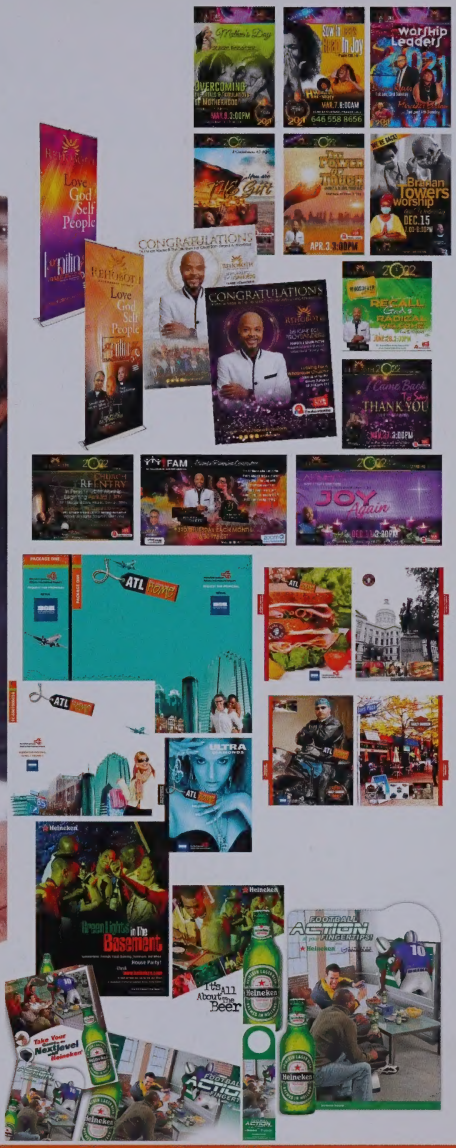
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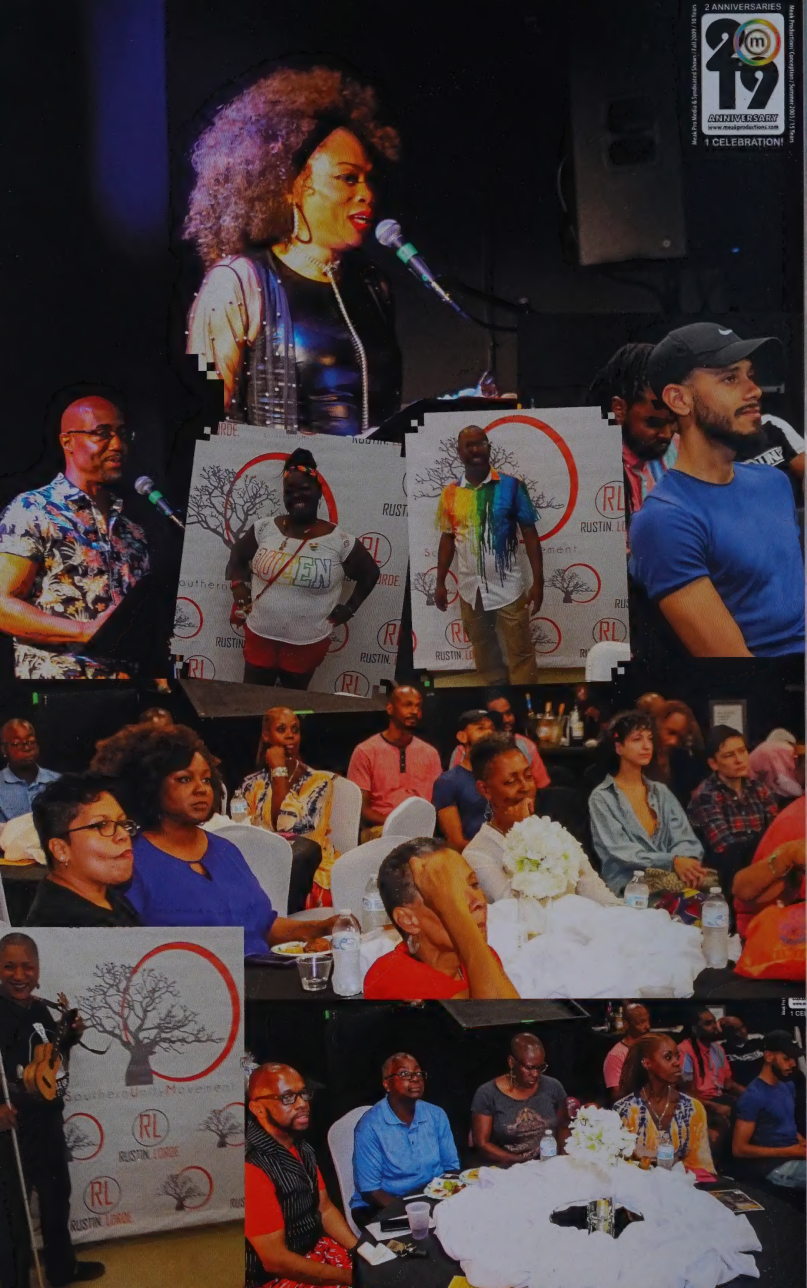
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- Darlene Hudson, ITLA Executive Director

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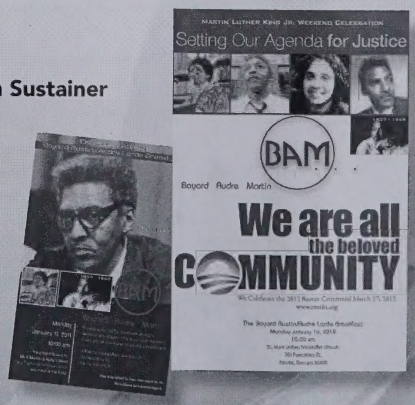
2 min presentation during breakfast
VIP 1/2 table (4 chairs) with signage

$500 - $899 **1/2 page ad** **Freedom Organizer Level**
Listing on all promotional items,
Display of banner during the event
2 chairs with signage

$200 - $499 **1/4 page ad** **Freedom Marcher Level**
listing on all promotional items,
Display of banner during the event

$100 - $199 **Listing in program booklet as a Freedom Sustainer**

All checks and Ads are due by
Monday, January 13, 2014



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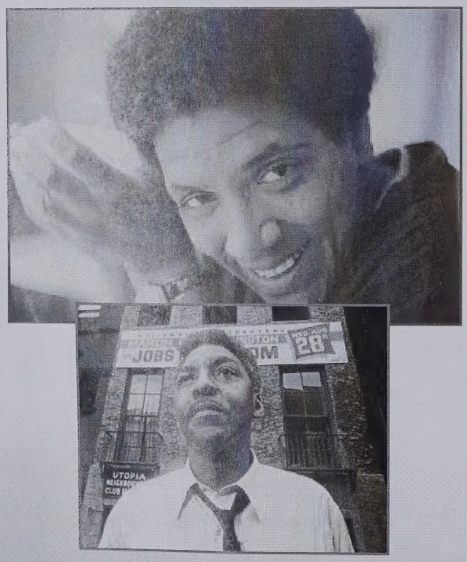
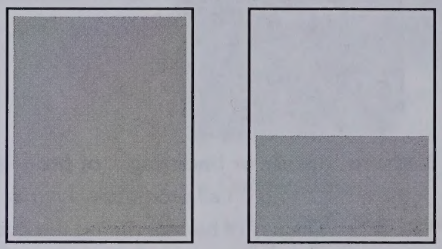
If I didn't define myself for myself, I would be crunched into other people's fantasies for me and eaten alive.
- Audre Lorde

Advertisement Specs





Full Page
5.5 w x 8.5 h

Half Page (Hor.)
5.5 w x 4.25 h

Half Page (Vert.)
2.75 w x 8.5 h

Quarter Page
2.75 w x 4.25 h

Ads should be saved in either of the following formats:

PDF (high resolution)

JPEG (high resolution – 300DPI Max 200DPI minimum)

TIFF (high resolution)

Prices for Advertisement only

Full page Ad = $400.00
½ page = $200.00
¼ page = $150.00
Breakfast supporter = $100.00

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Media Sponsorship

Purchase of Table
VIP Tables for the Rustin/Lorde breakfast are as follows:
1 table $300.00, VIP signage, with 8 chairs
½ table $150.00, VIP signage, with 4 chairs

Please make check payable to:
SONG: Southerners On New Ground
250 Georgia Ave. Suite 315
Atlanta, GA. 30316
www.southernersonnewground.org

All checks and Ads are due by Monday, January 13, 2014
Memo line: Rustin/Lorde Breakfast 2014

Yes, I would like to be a sponsor.

- ❑ Rustin/Lorde level $1500 & above
- ❑ Freedom Fighter $900 - $1499
- ❑ Freedom Organizer $500 - $899
- ❑ Freedom Marcher $200- $499
- ❑ Freedom Sustainers $100- $199

❑ No, I am not able to provide sponsorship, but please accept my donation of $_____

❑ No, I am not able to provide sponsorship this year but check back with me for next year

Name: _____

Sponsoring Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone contact: _____

Email: _____

Social Media Link: _____

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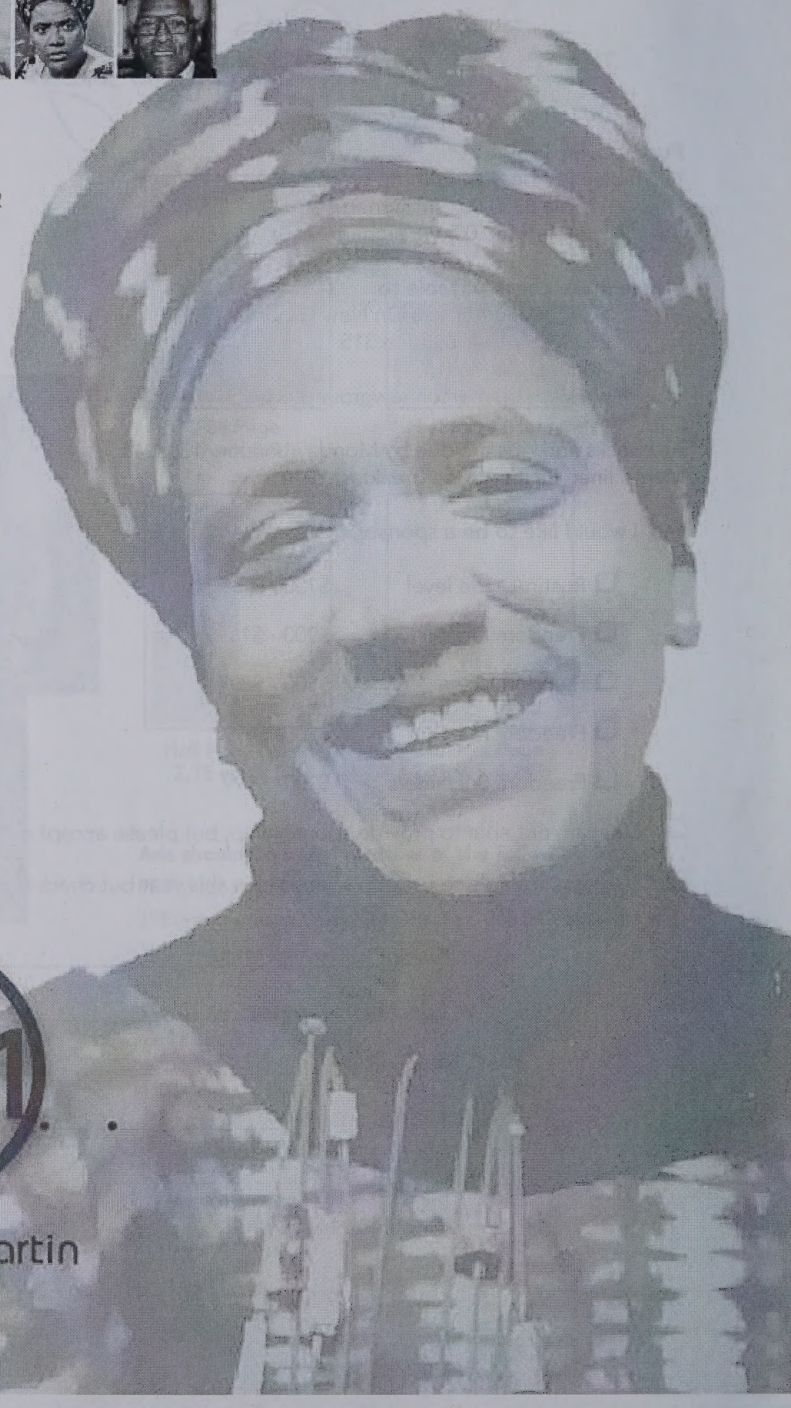
THANK YOU FOR YOUR

Support



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INVOICE

To: Atlanta Pride
1530 Dekalb Ave NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

For: Sponsorship for the Bayard Rustin/Audre Lorde breakfast on January 20, 2014 that includes:

Sponsorship Level - **Freedom Organizer Level**

Complete with: **1/2 Page ad**
Listing on all promotional items,
Display of banner during the event
2 chairs with signage

Invoice Amount Due: **$700.00**
(All checks and Ads Due by Monday January 13, 2014 – Please submit copy of the invoice with payment)

Please make check payable to:
SONG/Southerners on New Ground, Inc
250 Georgia Ave Suite 315
Atlanta, GA 30312
Memo line: Rustin/Lorde MLK Breakfast 2014

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